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WE REMEMBER SO WELL...

DEDICATION TO SAM RIZZOTTO

For the past five years at camp, we have been blessed by having Sam Rizzotto as Head Chef in the Birch Rock kitchen. Sam has labored countless hours behind the stove, grill, and griddle, and has truly changed the way that Birch Rockers feel about (and after) mealtime. Through his dedication and patience, he has revitalized the Birch Rock kitchen with a fresh menu and a commitment to the "from scratch" ethos. It is in recognition of this half-decade of continuing progress, gustatory success, and full tummies, that the 2010 Biroca Blast is dedicated with appreciation by the Senior Campers of Pete's Palace to Head Chef Sam Rizzotto.

When Sam first began at Birch Rock as Assistant Chef in 2006, he was dismayed by the abysmally low level of interest in making more labor-intensive dishes from more basic components. Sam, perhaps more than anyone who is still around, remembers with chagrin the painfully pre-packaged "Summer of Boxed Eggs." Rising to the position of Head Chef in 2007, Sam was able to introduce an innovative menu and a novel mantra to the Birch Rock kitchen: it's better if it's fresher! As anyone who has spent any amount of time in the kitchen is bound to know, Sam is fastidious about using only the freshest of ingredients and has mandated a higher level of consciousness in the kitchen concerning how long foods should be left around before they are thrown out. Since Sam seized the reigns of culinary control, Birch Rock has also reaped the benefits of the rebirth of an almost unremembered age when each potato and squash was peeled and each egg was cracked *by hand*! It takes a bunch of time and a whole lot of love to feed an entire camp like that for a full summer, and Sam: we taste the difference!

Although Sam does not yet have a fancy hat like Albert's (though we promise we are still working on that), we cannot imagine that his culinary creations are far off. Breakfast now comes in flavors other than "egg," and we are feeling rather spoiled by his incredible blueberry pancakes. Sam also makes a mean hot breakfast cereal - he knows that it's all about consistency and he has done an incredible job of continuing and supporting this time-honored Birch Rock tradition. His skill behind the grill is also unquestioned. As a litmus test, let us consider the following: Don Munn, a man of notoriously sensitive palate, has never installed a fan in the gazebo for anyone else! That's high praise from a Birch Rock legend, and we wholeheartedly agree: you do a great job keeping us stuffed with juicy, tender cuts. Sam's 'Pasta Pesto' is probably one of his best-known dinners - and for good reason! If Charlie McDonald were to say that it's good enough to market and sell, we would back him up with gusto.

It is for these reasons that we dedicate the 2010 Biroca Blast, as a token of gratitude, to a man who has served us both literally and figuratively for five long summers. Here's to you, Sam Rizzotto!

Alley Meloyan

S.B.

Ben Feltz

Louis d/B

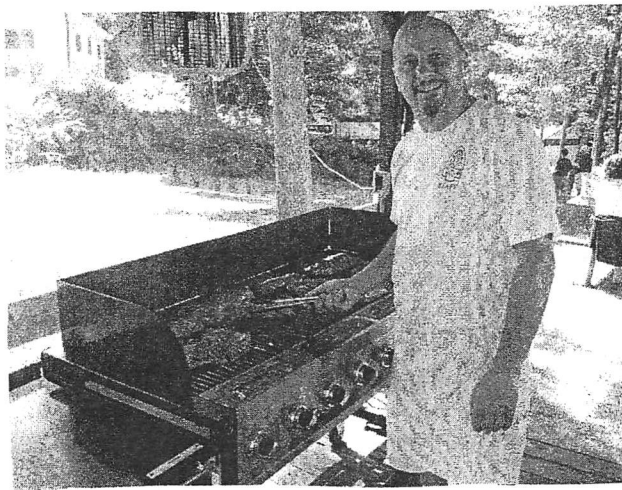
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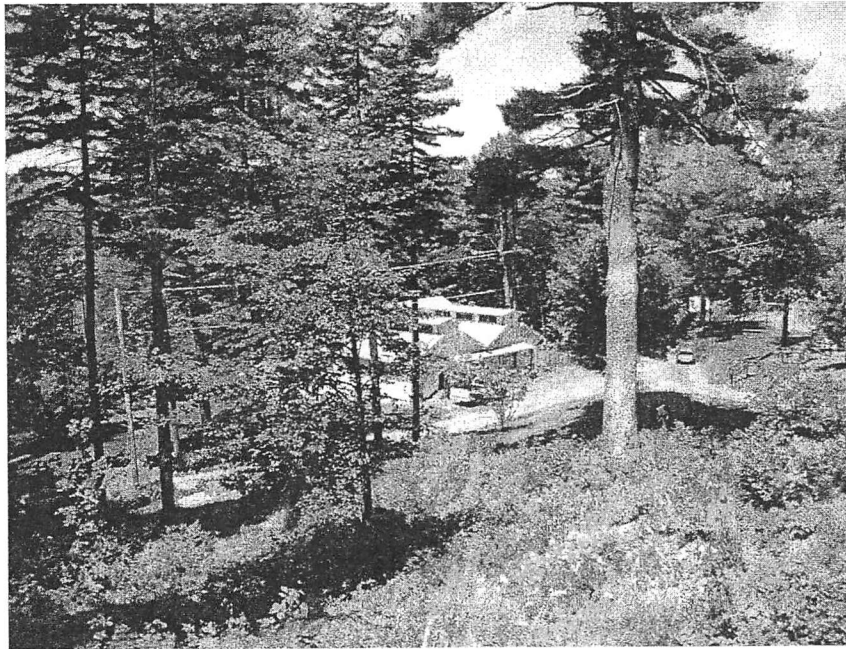


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A View From The Top

By Mike Mattson



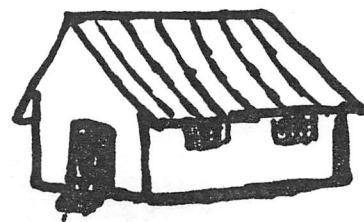
This summer has been one of the best summers we've had in a while. After two consecutive summers of lots and lots of rain, it was so nice to have a fair weather summer. But even more than that, it was a great summer because of all of you. I found the campers to be a wonderful crew of individuals, and the CITs and staff have gone out of their way to make things fun for everyone. I told the staff at the beginning of the summer that I wanted little surprises around every corner and no repeats. I wanted campers like Alex Mc, whose been here forever to see new things he'd never seen.

We decided not to do a Geronimo Pep-Rally or a Backwards day, but instead come up with new fresh things. What was new and fresh this summer? Well...let's see...there was the Roman Senatorial Debate, le Lodge, The Godfather themed Italian Dinner, Benny's Chinese Buffet, The BRC Ice Cream truck, the CIT's introduced Blitz, the Magic Tournament and so much more.

I hope you have all enjoyed your time with us and truly hope to see each of you back ready for more fresh craziness in 2011. Have a great year!

1ST Session

CABIN



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Trip

REPORTS

NOW IS THE TIME

HILTON A REPORT

In Hilton A, we have three campers: Rakesh Potluri, Caleb Davis, and Andrew Straut. We have Zack Lynn as our counselor. We have five beds in our cabin: three for the campers, one for the counselor and one as a couch. Above the couch, we have a poster with all the cabin rules. We keep all our sleeping bags and camping packs on the back shelf near Hilton B. Between the two Hiltons, there is a bathroom with two stalls, one mirror, and three sinks. Now let's talk more about the campers! I am currently reading *Warriors - Forest of Secrets*, Andrew is reading a "Magic Tree House" book and Caleb is reading a magazine. We each have two blankets and a laundry bag hung near or above our beds. Andrew has two stuffed animals and his favorite activity at camp is nature. Caleb has four "Magic" decks and his favorite activity at camp is Campcraft. Last but not least, I have a parachute toy and my favorite activities at camp are Drama, Nature, and Woodshop. The last things I wanted to write are Zack "Pickles" Lynn's activities which are Swimming, Kayaking and Tennis.

- Rakesh "of Doom" Potluri

Editor's Note: This incredibly well-done cabin report is more detailed, better written and longer than almost off of the others from the first session. Way to show the older guys, Hilton A.

History repeats itself, again...

HILTON B REPORT

These are the kids in Hilton B: Matthew, Nick, and Bradley. Matthew's favorite activities are Sailing, Canoeing, and Swimming. Nick's favorite activities are Campcraft, Basketball, and Canoeing. Bradley's favorite activities are Woodshop, kayaking, and Art. Our counselor Will Brewster and our CIT Will Goduti are very nice. They are always there to help, and they treat us like our parents would at home. We had a great time in Hilton B first session, 2010!

PERFORMANCE = BEAUTY

HILTON A & HILTON B TRIP REPORT

We went to the Crooked River with Ben Howard and Matt Clifford. We didn't swim because the water level was really low; we didn't carve because we didn't have our knife rights; we tried to fish but all the lines got tangled; we didn't have canoes to paddle; we didn't have rowboats to row. We did, however, learn a lot about birds and animals, trees and flowers, although we would not say that there is nothing that we don't know. We roamed the region round-about and had a grand picnic. It was... uh... grand. Clifford made us Macaroni & Cheese and Chicken & Dumplings over an open flame. Then we ate marshmallows. Then we passed out because we had so much starch in our tummies. The end. P.S. It was cold.

CABIN 1 REPORT

In Cabin 1 we had an awesome time. In Cabin 1 we had David Herzig from Manhattan, NY. His favorite activity is Lacrosse. Next we have Nick Davis from Auburn, ME. His favorite activity is Archery. Then we have Asa Kaplan from Newton, MA. His favorite activity is Sailing. Last but not least we have Henry Farnham from Falmouth, ME and his favorite activity was Canoeing. Then the counselor was Ben Howard and the CIT was Ryan Boothby. Ben is from Scarborough, ME and Ryan is from Brewer, ME. Cabin 1 is always fun!

Editor's Note: I bet Cabin 1 had an awesome and an always fun time. <Boothby face>

The Royal Court.

CABIN 2 REPORT

Everyone loves it in here! The cabin mates in here are Jack Duggan, Jack Culver, Juan Castillo, and John Reisert. Our CIT is Theo Lipsky and our counselor is Jamie Foley. Jack Duggan's favorite activities are Archery, Campcraft, Art and Nature. Jack is 10 years-old and lives in Weston, Connecticut. Juan Castillo's favorite activities are Archery, Nature, Campcraft, and Lacrosse. Juan is 10 years-old and lives in the Dominican Republic in the Caribbean. John Reisert's favorite activities are Campcraft, Lacrosse, Soccer, Nature, and Tennis. John is eleven years-old and lives in Waterville, Maine. Jack Culver's favorite activities are Archery, Campcraft, and Sailing. He is eleven years-old and lives in Seattle, Washington.

- John Reisert

Editor's Note: "The Caribbean" (noun) - a place to go swimming and to check out the babes that go snorkeling. Oh yeah, very nice.

\$100,000 is a nice start.

AL GORE

CABIN 1 AND CABIN 2 TRIP REPORT

There were two counselors that came on our trip: Alasdair Thornton and Mike Wilson. There were also eight campers: Nick Davis, David Herzig, Asa Kaplan, Henry Farnham, Juan Castillo, Jack Culver, Jack Duggan and John Reisert. We had tons of fun. We went swimming in a really rocky river. We also saw a baby black bear! It was so close to our camp site. I was fifty feet from our camp site when I saw it. Then we woke up early the next day and took a three mile hike and saw an awesome view... and a good time was had by all!

- Nick Davis & Asa Kaplan

Editor's Note: Please don't feed the bears, kids.

THE FOURTH OF JULY PARADE IN WATERFORD

This year lower camp all went and marched through Waterford and sang songs like "The Star Spangled Banner" and the "Chant of the Chesty Child." When we were at the parade, our motto was "if you can't sing well - sing loud!" And we were the loudest people there. Some of the kids' favorite parts were when we got candy at the end. Others liked singing and marching. Overall it was a great trip and a good time was had by all!

Editor's Note: Camp Wigwam tried to drown us out with an amateur drummer on a five-piece set; they failed embarrassingly. They also cheat at inter-camp sports, which is just low... especially for kickball. Morals of the story: (1) go Birch Rock and (2) I love a parade.

RADICAL

SEE IT
STICK IT

SUMMER SALT!

AS FAST

AS YOU WANT TO BE

CABIN 3 REPORT

There were four campers in cabin 3 during the first session. Joey Needle was from Wisconsin and he liked Kayaking, Campcraft, and Baseball. Joe Ingraham was from Maine and he liked Tennis, Sailing, Art, and Basketball. Rodolfo Dietsch was from the Dominican Republic and he liked Baseball, Art, Soccer, and Basketball. Max Naipier-Kane was from Delaware and he liked Art and Nature. Our counselor was Matt Guttman and our CIT was Ben Duvall.

Editor's Note: Birch Rock MadLib - "And a(n) _____ time was had by all."

The Wild Card

CABIN 4 REPORT

Hank Robbins is from Weston, CT. He loves freeride skiing and tackle football, but at camp his favorite activities are Mountain Biking and Lacrosse. He's a sick lax bro and has cool shorts. Max Woods is from Cape Elizabeth, ME. He loves to play hockey and football. At camp, he enjoys participating in Drama, Nature, and Woodshop. He is eleven years-old and is going into 6th grade. Rajiv Potluri is from Skillman, NJ. He loves to read and solve math problems. He enjoys participating in Tennis, Drama, and Nature at Birch Rock. He is eleven years-old and is going into 7th grade. Tony Cotto is from Manhattan, NY. He loves to dance and sleep. At Birch Rock, he enjoys Art and Basketball. He is twelve years-old and is going into 6th grade. Our CIT, Gabe Dreyer, is originally from Havana, Cuba, but then moved to Newton, MA. He enjoys riding his bike and partying with friends. At Birch Rock, he enjoys Swimming, Sailing, and Campcraft. Our counselor, Harry Netzer, is from Larchmont, NY. He enjoys listening to music and going on long runs. At Birch Rock, he likes to teach Campcraft and Canoeing.

WORLD-CLASS SPEED.

CABIN 3 AND CABIN 4 TRIP REPORT

The people on the trip were Thomas Joyce, Matt Guttman, Joe Ingraham, Max Naipier-Kane, Rodolfo Dietsch, Joey Needle, Max Woods, Tony Cotto, Rajiv Potluri, and Hank Robbins. We hiked up Double Head Mountain. When we hiked up the mountain it felt really long but it took less time than we thought. Before dinner we searched for wood and a ton of sticks. After we did that, we played '500' with a Frisbee. After dinner we had s'mores and went down to this really cool view and watched the stars and saw fireworks! It was really cool. Through the night, mice ate our GORP. On our way down we saw a view and we could see how far we hiked up. On our way down there were so many rocks that a lot of people fell. At the end of the trip it rained as we walked to the van, so that was good timing. All-in-all we had a good trip!



THE GREEN ROOM

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

CABIN 5 REPORT

We had a balling* time in Cabin 5. This year in our cabin is Matthias, who likes participating in Archery and Basketball. Some of his favorite things to do are play Magic and talk to his Homunculus card. Mercer Lynch likes Kayaking and Sailing. Alex likes Woodshop and Basketball. Sears Schultz likes Tennis and Sailing. Our counselor, Jake Cahill, does a fantastic Bill Cosby impersonation. Ben Semmes, our CIT, is always around the bunk.

Editor's Note: "Balling" (adjective; alternately: Ballin', Baaallllllin' [e.g. Rick Ross]) - From the Latin prefix 'ball' meaning "awesome" and the progressive suffix '-ing', indicating that said awesomeness is in progress at that particular time.

SAVE UP TO 80% OFF TOP BRANDS!

CABIN 6 REPORT

During the first session in Cabin 6 we had a great time! In the cabin we had Nick Dalissandro, who liked Nature, Art, and Campcraft. We had Baptist Durand, who liked Tennis and Soccer. The cabin also had Danny Cruz who bro'ed* out at everything. This year our counselor was Bob Donahue and our CIT was Connor McLaughlin. All in all, Cabin 6 had a great time in the first session of 2010!

Editor's Note: "Bro'ed" (past perfect verb) - Originally from the noun 'bro', meaning a twenty to twenty-five year-old male who wears a visor (or baseball cap with a pre-frayed brim), sunglasses, etc. First used as a verb at Birch Rock (e.g. "bro'ed out") by former camper and counselor Andrew Clemence. © 2006 Andrew Clemence

The best or nothing.

CABIN 5 AND CABIN 6 TRIP REPORT

This year Cabins Five and Six went on a trip to Blueberry Mountain followed by a visit to Emerald Pool. The trip was lead by Nick Musciano and Bob Donahue. We had a successful hike up the mountain and back. After the trip we went to Emerald Pool. There were a lot of people who were at the pool. Our favorite part of the trip was finally jumping into Emerald Pool after a tiring day of hiking. Overall it was a good trip and a good time was had by all!

Editor's Note: In case you missed it, they went to Emerald Pool. Also pertinent: the trip to Schnozzberry Mountain will be next year, and yes, they will taste like Schnozzberries.

WE LIKE TO THINK THEY'D PICK US, TOO

THE ARCADIA GARDEN PARTY

This year, Arcadia had its annual dance and, of course, Birch Rock was invited to attend this event. All of Upper Camp was psyched to get there, so we showered, got in our Birch Rock uniforms, and hopped in the vans.

As we got out of the vans, we were engulfed by a sea of girls, which really caught us off guard since we hadn't seen or felt female contact for weeks. But it was still very well accepted.

All the Birch Rockers had different methods of how to attract the ladies, from Louis' romantic French charm and Ben Cohn's awkward pick-up lines, to Alex McLaughlin's Russian alter-ego and Preston Schottlaender's amazing dance moves.

Over all, the dance was a blast, and Birch Rock gave Arcadia a huge Birch Rock cheer as we got into the vans and went back to camp, anticipating next year's dance!

- Gage Wheeler
Table Dancer & Grand Pooh-Bah

Editor's Note: Just for clarification, there were neither Birch Rock boys in awkward blobs, nor awkward pick-up lines used. In fact, here is a list of the successful pick-up lines used...

- "I lost my number. Can I borrow yours?"
- "If you were a booger, I would pick you first."
- "You're one hot bag of potato chips. I'm hungry."
- "Hey, how much does a polar bear weigh? Enough to break the ice."
- "Do you like my beard? Because I like yours!"

(The last line - a true gem - is from the private collection of Benjamin Foley.)

PRO'S CHOICE

Just Add Water

**Does your soap
leave your skin this
soft and touchable?**



CABIN 7 REPORT

In Cabin 7 we had a stacked line-up starting with Jake Perkins from Cleveland, who enjoyed Archery and Nature. Praxedes Castillo, from the Dominican Republic, was up on the tennis court and down on the waterfront canoeing every day. We also had Louis Hurtado from New York who has a hobby of showing up at the waterfront for Sailing and Canoeing. Last, but not even close to least, we had Alec Westbrook, who likes to do double periods with Matt Guttman at Baseball and Lacrosse. Our counselor was R.D. Weeks and this year we didn't need a CIT. We all hope to come back next year in '11. Peace!

**UNLEASH YOUR INNER XTREME
WITH NEW RAGIN' CAJUN**

CABIN 8 REPORT

Cabin 8 was a party this year! Being the oldest in lower camp, we had to show the younger campers how to be cool. The new camper in Cabin 8 was Philip. Philip lives in Newport, NH and likes to chill up by the soccer fields as well as spend time at Campcraft. Another camper was Lance. Lance snipes the targets up at Archery and hangs out at Nature. Tuffy was the camper who came to us in the middle of the session. Tuffy is from Massachusetts and spends most of his time sailing a boat on Lake McWain. Gordon, our last camper, is from Massachusetts as well. He likes to be a bro on the lacrosse field and also likes chilling in the woodshop.

**PROVIDES INSTANT RELIEF
FOR PAINFUL FEET!**

CABIN 7 AND CABIN 8 TRIP REPORT

This year Cabin 7 and Cabin 8 went to Baldface Peak and Emerald Pool. Besides one finger injury, everybody had a blast climbing the mountain, but it was too windy to go to the second peak. After we went back to the campsite, we packed up our stuff and headed to Emerald Pool. Everybody was ecstatic about jumping in, but Gordon won that day with a record-breaking 21 jumps! Our trip wasn't too dangerous, and a good time was had by all.

Editor's Note: The ancient Incas regarded jumping off a rock twenty-one times as extremely lucky. Live long and prosper, Gordon.

**JOIN
THE RESISTANCE**

EAGLES' NEST REPORT

This session in Eagles' Nest, one camper had an iPod. He also had a cellular telephone. That is pretty lame. It is almost as lame as kneeboarding, which is officially the lamest activity on Lake McWain. Actually, maybe it is just as lame, or perhaps even lamer. Well, it's pretty lame, either which way. Next year, we want to make a giant BONFIRE out of all illegal technology at Birch Rock. Wuppee! We're drafting a letter to the ACA and MYCA to get approval for an anti-technology shamanic ritual to go with it. Anybody want to proof-read?

RAAAAARRRR!

OOH-OOH-AAH-AAH!

SQUAWK-SQUAWK!

Plus other assorted jungle noises!

WAKE UP TO THE WORLD OF INCEPTION.

EAGLES' NEST TRIP REPORT

We went to Old Speck. It was like 10 miles in all. We camped with some thru-hikers by a pond. Ben Semmes, Doug, and Pickles came. It was pretty cool. We ate some tuna-noodle casserole. It was two days and one night. It was a hiking trip.

Editor's Note: "We is the Eagles' Nest. We also grammar and sentence real good." Apparently the Eagles' Nest was too busy developing other, less well-explored areas of their minds, such as telekinesis, pyrokinesis, telepathy, and science fiction. In fact, we are pretty sure we just saw Christian Hurtado levitating a chipmunk... troublemaker.

FUEL THE FIRE

AN AFTERNOON AT STEPPE FALLS

One day when it was really hot outside the upper camp went to Step Falls, which are natural water slides. We went with Thomas Joyce, Jamie Foley, Will Brewster, and Nick Musciano. We all had a lot of fun riding the slides. Jumping off a twenty-foot cliff into a pool of water was very refreshing after a hot day! It was tons of fun and a good time was had by all.

Editor's Note: One could tell who the real, hardcore sliders were because the backs of their bathing suits were literally shredded. Imagine taking 5 grit sandpaper (which is illegal in all states but Texas) and sanding a pair of swim trunks for two hours. That's Steppe Falls for ya.



GO NATURAL™



A BEAUTIFUL
LIFE

BUZZARDS' ROOST REPORT

Buzzards was a great cabin and everyone got along. In our cabin, we had Zach Bam-Bamburger, Andrew Jorge ("Hor-Hay") St. George, Patrick Fatman McLaughlin, Hudson Coccoluto, Nick Phelps Cogswell, Iñigo Arcadia Marcoartu Basterra, Talla Tenticals Babou, Ben the Reader Cohn, and our counselor Alasdair El Lobo Asesino Thornton. Zach is from Haifa, Israel and his favorite activities are Basketball, Tennis, and Volleyball. Andrew is from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and his favorite activities are Baseball, Basketball, and Sailing. Patrick is from Princeton, New Jersey and his favorite activities are Nature, Campcraft, and Mountain Biking. Hudson is from South Portland, Maine and his favorite activities are Art, Mountain Biking, and Lunch. Nick is from Barrington, Illinois and his favorite activities are Swimming and Sailing, and all sorts of other waterfront things. Iñigo is from Bilbao, Spain and his favorite activities are Soccer, Art, and Volleyball. Talla is from New York City and his favorite activities are Soccer and Basketball. Ben is also from New York City and his favorite activities are Baseball, Canoeing, and Archery. Alasdair is from West Port, Connecticut and he teaches Baseball and Swimming.

Editor's Note: We were recently contacted by the U.S. Department of Defense after they detected a surplus of favorite activities in Buzzards' Roost. They propose to stockpile them for use during and/or after the zombie apocalypse and are offering big Benjamins. We're down. Nice foresight, D.O.D. Also, we're sorry, Hudson, but lunch doesn't count.

**YOUR
SWEET TIMES
START HERE**

BUZZARDS' ROOST TRIP REPORT

Buzzards went on a bro sesh* up in the Mahoosuc region. We began on the Success Trail and hiked up for about two hours, but then the King decided we should just keep all the bros in low altitude that night. So we camped at the bottom of the mountain. The next day, we hiked up 4.8 miles to Carlo Col Campsite and still tasted the pizza wraps we had for breakfast. The King and Jake Cahill led us up the rocks to watch the sunset, and then we went to bed. The third day we set off after some oatmeal and a game of 'Mafia' to summit our first mountain: Carlo Mountain. It was about 3,500 feet, but we finished it in thirty minutes! The next mountain was Goose Eye Mountain. We summited and set down our packs and enjoyed the view. We finally made our way down the mountain and a good time was had by all!

- Patrick McLaughlin

Editor's Note: "Bro Sesh" (noun) - From the English "bro" (see Cabin 6 Report) and the Latin suffix "-sesh," signifying a session of chilling or a get together. Note that "Bro Sesh" is used incorrectly in this context, as the King is the only one present old enough to be considered a bro, and he isn't. Nice try boys.



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OWLS' PERCH CABIN REPORT



This year Owls' Perch is great! We have a wide variety of personalities. There are eight campers and one counselor. Spaulding Goetze is from Denver, Colorado and his favorite activities are Sailing and Woodshop. Preston Schottlaender is from Darien, Connecticut and his favorite activities are Art and Archery. Jeremiah Goodwin is from Oxford Hills, Maine and his favorite activities are Sailing, Canoeing and Archery. Henri de Montalembert is from Paris, France and his favorite activities are Woodshop and Tennis. Jeremy Lifter is from Columbus, Ohio and his favorite activities are Canoeing and Kayaking. Next is Dylan Sullivan, a.k.a. 'the White Knight,' and his favorite activities are staying safe at Sailing and General Moose Hunting. Then there is Naropa Perez from the Bronx, New York, and his favorite activities are Basketball and Lacrosse. Last but not least is Ben Foley, a.k.a. 'Little Foley,' who is from Bowdoinham, Maine and likes to swim.

EXCEED YOUR POTENTIAL.

OWLS' PERCH TRIP REPORT

During first session this year, the Owls' Perch trip was very exciting: we went to Sugarloaf and to Crocker Mountain with the King, RD, and Will Goduti. After some unexpected delays the first day, we hiked about 3.5 miles to our campsite. We made a fire because we brought the wrong type of fuel for the stove, and after a little help from the fuel we got it going on a wet day. The next day we day-hiked 8 miles up Sugarloaf Mountain and at the summit we explored an abandoned ski building and the ski lift. Then we hiked back to the campsite. The next day we hiked 8 miles over two peaks and to the road. The summit views were pretty cool but it was mostly trees. But the views were still amazing. The whole cabin never complained once and a good time was had by all!

Editor's Note: "The whole cabin never complained once" - If this is true, then the trip was clearly too easy and a more demanding, painful trip must be arranged for next year. If not, compulsive lying is a serious problem, but can be treated with BirchRockRX. BirchRockRX should only be taken by boys and young men and side effects may include: tucked-in shirt, unexpected deeds of kindness, firm handshake, and stinky underarms. Please ask your doctor if BirchRockRX is right for you!

**You're going to need
a bigger map.**

escape to what's possible

PETE'S PALACE REPORT

"You swine!" yelled Henry Smith as the massive, slimy, caterpillar-like creature approached closer. The eight foot-long behemoth went up on its hind legs to deliver the final blow when Henry sprung into action. He rapidly scaled the wall of the cabin, jumped to the top of Matt's bunk, then proceeded to do a cork-720 roundhouse kick, directly hitting the creature in the face.

All of a sudden, from the far side of the cabin, Matt Burke grabbed the caterpillar's tail, which then swung around violently in a fit of pain from Henry's size six foot. Though the kicks lacked much mass behind them, Henry was able to produce more pounds per square inch than any of the others in the cabin. Louis finally woke from his thrice-daily hibernation, did a quick Sudoku, and then began setting up a trap for the monster. Zach Cohen and I proceeded to do our best job to distract it during the setting of the trap.

In the far side of the cabin, Henry Gunderson was dealing out poker chips for the game that would take place later that night. When the trap was finally set, the Frenchman immediately went to sleep. Zach and I quickly ran past the creature, each doing synchronized 360 jukes while slapping a bumper sticker that read "Danglefest 2010" on the monster's backside. It promptly turned around and a butterfly net, large enough so that it would be capable of catching even Mothra, came crashing down on the creature.

Clifford grabbed the handle of the net, and with his mighty front-crawling arms launched the monster across the lake, where it bounced off the Waziyatah blob. Sarah Palin later reported that not only can she see Russia from her backyard, but also that a huge, caterpillar-like monster recently crossed into Russian airspace. Reports from Siberia indicate that the Russians had no idea what to do with the creature. After all that, Pete's proceeded to go down to the Birch Rock for introductions.

As the session went on, many more monsters were slain and hurled into Russia. The day before the banquet, Clifford got a call from Sarah Palin saying that all the creatures were "obstructing" her view of Russia. Unfortunately, the monster slaying had to stop, but nonetheless, Pete's Palace 1st Session = EPIC.

**BRAVE
LAST
DAYS**

GET SOME

PETE'S PALACE TRIP REPORT

During the last week of the first session, the boys from Pete's, the King, and Nolan departed from camp with our bags in the back of Don and Janice's pickup truck. After a two-and-a-half hour ride fueled by peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and Nolan's dub-step, we finally arrived at the Rangeley Lakes put-in. We were greeted by some serious folk from the boonies who liked jumping off of bridges in denim shorts. Classy.

We began the first day paddle under overcast skies and a moderate headwind. Relatively shortly after we began the paddle, we passed the island that most of the previous Rangeley trips had stayed on the first day. Then, we made a 90 degree turn to get to the campsite. Thunder crashed and rain poured for the next two hours or so. We luckily found refuge in a multi-million dollar lakefront summer home where we watched the World Cup while drinking root beer. Thanks Jim, and sorry about the damages! The rain finally passed and we continued on to our campsite.

We arrived, but decided to go back to the island because we were not tired yet. Camp was quickly set up and tacos were enjoyed by all. After some close encounters with some biting insects, lights out came around and a refreshing sleep was had by everybody.

The second and third days of the trip then happened in chronological order. On the morning of the final day, we broke down camp and paddled for five minutes to the pull-out. There we waited patiently for an hour-and-a-half, until Don and Janice came over the hill. Something was wrong, though: there was no trailer on the back of the truck for the canoes! At first, we thought they had forgotten it, but the first words Don said when he got out of the truck were, "the trailer broke." Janice then told us that we would need to paddle another seven miles to a campsite where we would store the canoes. Luckily, the name of the storage campsite was the same as the one we stayed at the previous night. Not quite seven miles, but seven minutes, maybe! Half of the people stayed behind and loaded the coolers into the van while Nolan, King, Zach Cohen and I soloed the canoes back to the campsite. Within the last two minutes of paddling, Zach flipped his canoe. Nobody knows if he did it on purpose or not, but he did, so we had to un-flip it. How fun. We eventually go the campsite, loaded up a van and a good time was had by all!

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How 'bout You?

**WET &
WILD**

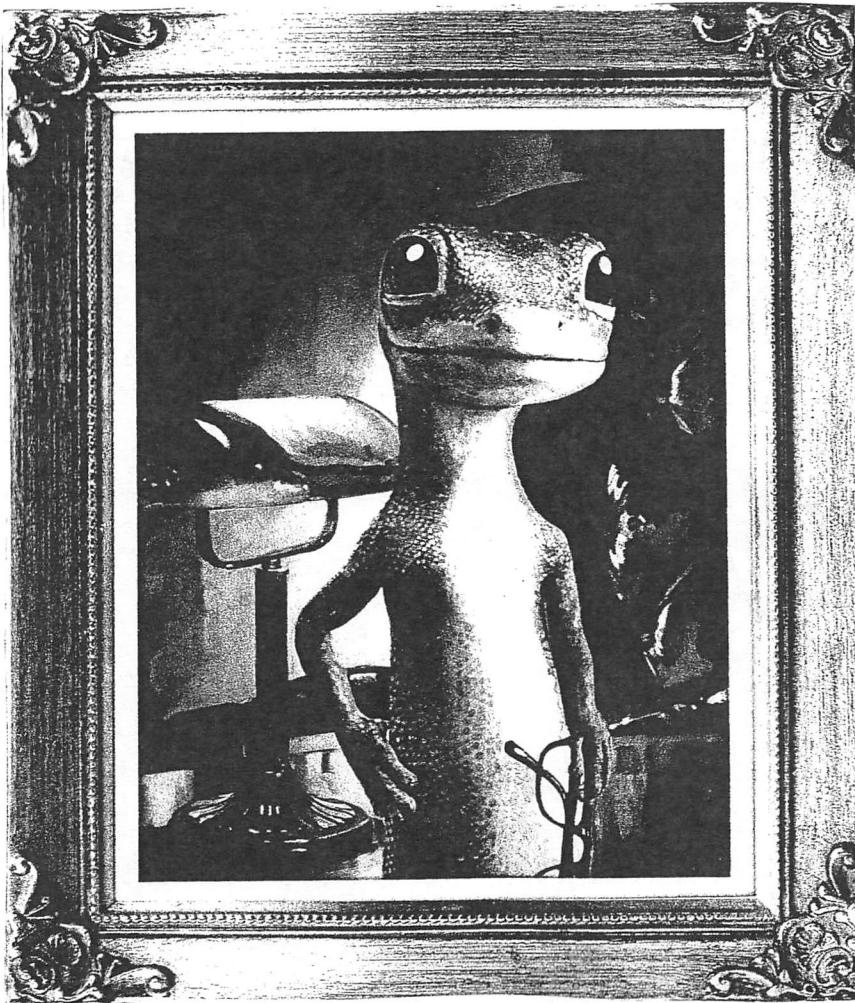
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FIVE STAR

**IT
TAKES
FAITH.**

TURNOVER DAY

First session had come to an end, leaving twenty-two campers, who were brave to stay for the full seven weeks or MWA, with nothing to do! Then Ryno, Thomas, Alasdair, and Jamie gathered us up into two vans and told us we were on our way to do "community service." We sat in the car with thoughts, wondering what this community service was going to be. Then, a huge bridge came up past the trees and to our left was the re-opened Big Adventure. A cheer went through the two vans as everybody was filled with excitement. It was like Christmas morning when we put all our stuff in Big Adventure's party room and headed off for our own big adventures! They had everything you could dream of: waterslides, laser tag, an arcade, rock climbing, and mini golf. For three hours we ran around and did whichever activity we wanted.

We then gathered in the van, again with the thought that we were going back to camp, but instead we pulled up at the movie theatre to see "Toy Story 3!" We got unlimited popcorn and soda while we watched the great movie. On the way back, we stopped for pizza, and it was soooo good. That night at camp we had an improv night and it was hilarious as laughter filled the Old Grove. All and all, it was a great day and that night we all fell fast asleep.



WELCOME

CABIN + TRIP

REPORTS

HILTON A REPORT

In Hilton A, we had a totally "suite" set-up during the second session. Staying for two weeks, we had Danny "DK" Kelly from Scarborough, Maine. Danny loved Tennis, Baseball, and candy. He was our resident tech deck champ. Next was Caleb "the CLOB" Davis from Auburn, Maine. Clob rocked full sesh, including staff week. Clob enjoyed Art, Kayaking, long walks on the beach, clobbering, and candy. Our final camper was Hugh "Huge Axe" Jacks from the classiest of all European principalities: Luxembourg. Hugh Jacks, or "Huge," signed up for Kayaking, Baseball, Art, and candy regularly. Our counselor Pickles "Mystery First Name" Lynn was a totally gnarly lone wolf with an awesome beard. Pickles taught Kayaking, Duel, Tennis, and Decathlon. Unfortunately, we were shut down by the health inspector because of all the untidy mess under Clob's bed.

Editor's Note: The original manuscript of this cabin report was delivered with a dead fly crushed into the paper. Mmmm... protein...



**INTRODUCE A
NAME YOU TRUST TO
A TRUSTED FRIEND.**

HILTON B REPORT

This session in Hilton B, we started off with Garrett Alexander from Cape Elizabeth, Stu Whittier also from Cape Elizabeth, Jeffrey Naipier-Kane from Milton, Delaware and Kyle Perkins from Hopkinton, Massachusetts. This year Stu really enjoyed Lacrosse and Sailing. Jeffrey really enjoyed Soccer and Nature. Kyle really enjoyed Tennis and Nature. Then, later in the session, Caleb "Clob" Davis and Hugh Jacks joined Hilton B. This year Caleb enjoyed, well, EVERYTHING, and Hugh enjoyed Nature and Kayaking. Overall, Hilton B was a boatload of fun!

there's only
one

**AMERICA'S
FAVORITE**

HILTON A & HILTON B TRIP REPORT

This year, second session, Hilton A and Hilton B went to the Crooked River along with Dave Weeks, Don Miguel and Ben Howard. The boys left on a cool night and set out on an exciting adventure. The campsite was a very nice place with lean-to's and platforms. After set-up, the boys enjoyed delicious s'mores by the fire and shared interesting stories. The boys returned in the afternoon, and a good time was had by all.

Editor's Note: NO night is too dark for Hilton. Hoo-rah!

RELY ENERGIZING

CABIN 1 REPORT

Second session was off the chain in Cabin 1. Brewster for the first two weeks and he enjoyed extreme activities like Soccer, and underwater basket weaving. Then for the last two weeks, we had Brett Alexander move in. He enjoyed Lacrosse and Sailing, and is the champ of Croquet. We also had Spencer "Rampage" Robbins, who enjoyed Kayaking, Soccer, and making crazy clay aliens in Art. We had two 7-weekers that stuck around the whole summer: Asa Kaplan and Nick Davis. Asa partied at Croquet, Campcraft, and cast crazy sorcery with his library of spells. Nick Davis signed up for Croquet, Art, and orc-hunting with his fancy bow and arrow. Then we had a boss CIT, Ryan Boothby, who hunted all the squirrels outside our cabin with his NERF gun. Then we had our sweet counselor, Ben Howard, who could counter any spell we threw at him. He also taught the sport that chicks dig: VOLLEYBALL. Overall, our cabin was sweet this year and we all have had one of the best summers of our lives!

Editor's Note: This cabin sure seems like it enjoyed some good hunting! When in the state of Maine, one does not need a permit to hunt squirrels. The orc-hunting permit, however, is quite pricey. Yes - Jamie Foley practically went bankrupt this year to save the field from Sauron's marauding forces. Nick Davis: next year, you're on it.

**"The view is better when
you're in the lead,"**

CABIN 2 REPORT

This session, there were four campers in Cabin 2. John Harm is a good golfer and is probably the best fisher on campus. Ethan Petersen was great at Nature (he got his Baxter badge in three days and was going for his Audubon) and played the first round in the 'Magic' tournament. Then there's Milutin, who went to a French school in New York and was addicted to Tintin (just like Ethan). Mil really liked Art and got his badge just before he left for Rome. Then there's Theo, the CIT, who was from Brooklyn, New York and was usually in the kitchen (but we still saw him sometimes). The last but not least is Jamie Foley, the counselor, who was very interested in hats (as I recall I think he had five). He came up with the idea of making a tie with purple flowers into a 'Hungarian Flower Snake' for our skit... and that is about all for Cabin 2.

LOCKDOWN

CABIN 1 & CABIN 2 TRIP REPORT

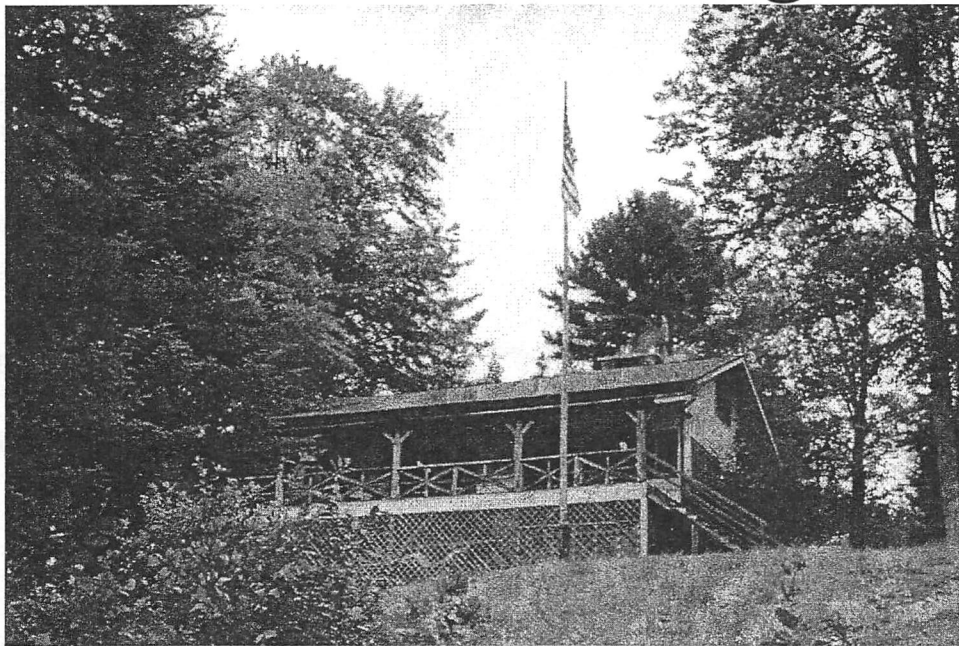
We drove to the Crooked River and put our canoes in the water and paddled two miles to the campsite. We ate a lot of food and we only got to have three marshmallows. We ran around till we got really tired and then went to bed. There were three bears in our campsite in the middle of the night. We had eggs and bacon for breakfast. We had a hard time getting out of the woods because it was a thin path but we managed to make it out.

Editor's Note: Clearly, bears do not faze these campers. Our version of the story would have gone something like, "OH MY GOD THERE WERE THREE BEARS IN OUR CAMPSITE AND IT WAS SO RIDICULOUS BECAUSE THEY WERE BEARS YOU KNOW, AND IN OUR CAMPSITE - OH MY GOD IT WAS SO RIDICULOUS I ALMOST PEE'D MYSELF!"

IT'S SUMMERTIME

Invitation

Summer Ball at **le Lodge**



Date: June 29th, 2010

Time: 6:10pm

Location: **le LODGE** restaurant
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FRESH PRODUCE

CABIN 3 REPORT

I'm Sam. The one that is reading this probably doesn't know me because it's my first time here. If you don't know who I am then I'll tell you. I have 12 hours from Maryland just to come to this camp and I think this camp is full-on awesome! My favorite activities are Drama and Art. I live in Cabin 3 and everyday is a good time.

My name is Max Naipier-Kane. This is my third year here and I had an awesome time with Matt, Ben, Sam, and Juan. I'm from Milton, Delaware and my favorite activity is one word: EVERYTHING.

I'm Matt. This is my first year. My favorite activities are Campcraft, Kayaking, Art and Soccer. I am from Westborough, Massachusetts and I found this camp through my two uncles. I'm looking forward to next year.

Editor's Note: CIT Ben Duvall and counselor Matt Guttman were too busy chasing after Juan Castillo to write their segments. Juan was too busy running away from Ben and Matt to write his segment. Next year, during opening day's 'blob tag,' the three of them will begin as the blob, and then they will run together, and have time afterward to write for the Biroca.

Modern Gladiator

CABIN 4 REPORT

Hudson Cohn - from New York. Liked 'Magic,' Campcraft and Mountain Biking. Cubs camped. Jeffrey Wood - from Clarmont, New Hampshire. Liked Nature, Art, Tennis and 'Magic.' Hank Robbins - from Weston, Connecticut. Liked Lacrosse, Mountain Biking, Nature, and Campcraft. Enjoyed doing the triathalon. Edward Stafford - from Belmont, Massachusetts. Liked Archery, Soccer, Basketball, Baseball, Drama and 'Magic.' Swam his Duck. Gabe Dreyer - from Newton, Massachusetts. Liked teaching Campcraft and Sailing. CIT. Harry Netzer - from Larchmont, New York. Liked teaching Campcraft and Canoeing and liked wearing sunscreen. Counselor.

Editor's Note: Hi. Are robots. Only say important words. <END TRANSMISSION>

ULTIMATE CONTROL

CABIN 4 & CABIN 5 TRIP REPORT

For this trip, Cabins 3 and 4 went on a one-day, one-night trip. The first night was hard: we were pitching our tents in light rain and after that it only got worse. It started to pour and thunder like crazy! Dinner was simple but good and nighttime shenanigans were fun, but we all slept eventually. The following morning the rain stopped and we had a good breakfast of instant oatmeal. Then, we hopped into the van and set off for Caribou Mountain. When we arrived, we set off on the three mile trip up the mountain. It took us time, and was a struggle, but in the end we reached the peak and saw a great view. Next, after the much faster trip down, we hit Emerald Pool. We all went in at least once (one of us went 13 times!) and had a good time. Then we headed back to Birch Rock and a good time was had by all.

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CABIN 5 REPORT

Counselor Jake Cahill, from Hoppington, Massachusetts, loves 'Magic' and music. CIT Ben Semmes, from Portland, Maine, likes studying and sleeping. Mac Agnew, from Chesterfield, Virginia, likes hiding behind trees. Matthias Goodwin, from Hebron, Maine, is grand champion of the 'Magic' tournament during the first session. Victor Santiago, from Staten Island, New York, likes eating chocolate. Toby Young, from Burlington, Vermont, likes baseball and 'Magic.'

Editor's Note: Wow, that was short and sweet. But next time, we want an adjective.

**WHEN ALL THE STEAKS GET TOGETHER
THEY CALL THIS ONE BOSS.**

CABIN 6 REPORT

In Cabin 6 we all had a great time. We had Trevor McLaughlin, who enjoyed Inspection and Mountain Biking. Gabe Kolbert is next on our list, and he liked 'Magic' and Sailing. Also we had Jared Whichard, who was from right next door! His favorite things to do were Campcraft and Sailing. Ben Wagner is last, and he liked 'Magic' and Campcraft. Over all, Cabin 6 was awesome and everyone had a great time!

Editor's Note: Trevor McLaughlin ate both Robert Donahue and Connor McLaughlin within three days of the beginning of the session. That explains why they didn't make it into the Biroca. We send our sincerest condolences to Trevor's family for his terrible indigestion.

"I HAD A LOT OF FUN WHEN I WAS YOUNG,"

CABIN 5 & CABIN 6 TRIP REPORT

This session's Cabin 5 and Cabin 6 trip was awesome. We hiked Baldface Mountain, which is about 2.5 miles of hiking to a shelter with hundreds of names carved into the wall. We slept there for the night. During the night, a dog at the campsite next to us woke up many campers because they thought it was a moose. It also woke up the leaders of the trip: the King and Matt Guttman. (Actually, King was the leader, but Guttman helped out.) The next morning we woke up, ate some oatmeal, and started what was to be some intense hiking for about 1.5 miles. When we got to the top, there were some amazing views of about nine bodies of water and tons of mountains. Then we hiked back down the mountain and swam in Emerald Pool, which is about a twenty-foot pool that you jump ten feet into. The water was really cold but overall the trip was amazing and a good time was had by all.

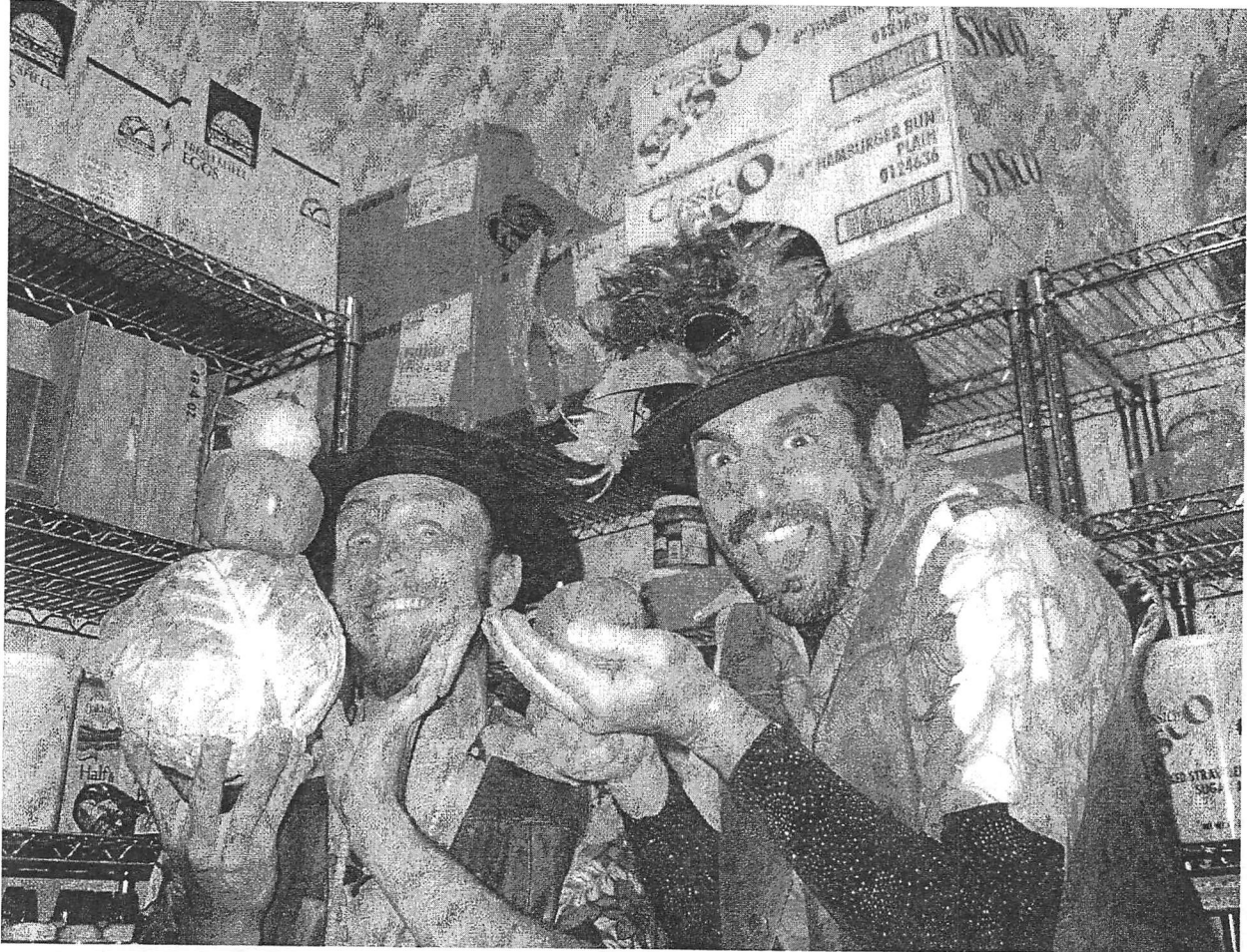
Editor's Note: Trip Tip - electronics on the trip is not cool. Take note... Baloth.

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THE ZAMBINI BROTHERS



SHOW DATES

JUNE 1	HINKLEY FAIR GROUNDS	HINKLEY, PA
JUNE 4	LOWENSTEIN BARMITZVAH	ALLENTOWN, PA
JUNE 5	CRUISE WEDDING	MITCHELLWOOD, PA
JUNE 8	FUN IN THE PARK	CHRISTOPHER PARK, NY
JUNE 9	MATTHEW HOURBECK'S BIRTHDAY PARTY	ALBANY, NY
JUNE 10	AMTRAK TRAIN 507 FROM ALBANY TO NEW YORK	BETWEEN ALBANY AND NEW YORK
JUNE 11	VISIT TO THE STATUE OF LIBERTY	NEW YORK, NY
JUNE 17	GROTON MALL IN FRONT OF SEARS	GROTON, MA
JUNE 20	OLD PORT FESTIVAL ON EXCHANGE STREET	PORTLAND, ME
JUNE 21	SHOWTIME CRUISE AROUND THE HARBOR	LEAVING PORTLAND, ME
JUNE 29	SPRINGERS GENERAL STORE- DINNER TIME	WATERFORD, ME
JUNE 30	MUNN/WALKER WEDDING	WATERFORD, ME
JULY 1	KEY BANK IN NORWAY	NORWAY, ME
JULY 3	CAMPFIRE AT BIRCH ROCK CAMP	WATERFORD, ME

CABIN 7 REPORT

THE FOLLOWING CAMPERS ARE CLASSIFIED AS LETHAL WEAPONS AND HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE F.A.A. NO-FLY LIST:

NOAH CLARK
From: Portland, Oregon
Age: 12
Favorite Activities: Canoeing, Sailing, Tennis

WILLIAM FRANCIS
From: Vienna, Virginia
Age: 12
Favorite Activities: Soccer, Lacrosse, Art

SAM WAYNE
From: Newton, Massachusetts
Age: 12
Favorite Activities: Lacrosse, Art, Sailing

Editor's Note: Hugh Jacks is the only other camper on the F.A.A. No-Fly list. He will be heading back to Luxembourg by boat, train, and automobile.

Last night

CABIN 8 REPORT

This year Cabin 8 in the second session was a whirl of excitement. We spent most of our time playing 'Magic,' chilling on the porch, or listening to music at top volume. For all waterfront activities, Cabin 8 was extremely convenient. We all loved to swim! In Cabin 8 we had three campers from Massachusetts: Trevor Perkins and Noah Keates both live in Hopkinton, and Matt Soper is from Wayland. Aidan Clark lives in Portland, Oregon. Will Alexander, our CIT, and Nolan Sullivan, our counselor, are both from Cape Elizabeth, Maine. Nolan currently goes to college in Montana. Some of Cabin 8's favorite activities were Archery, Kayaking, Art, and Nature. Trevor Perkins kept us laughing the whole session and everyone had a great time!

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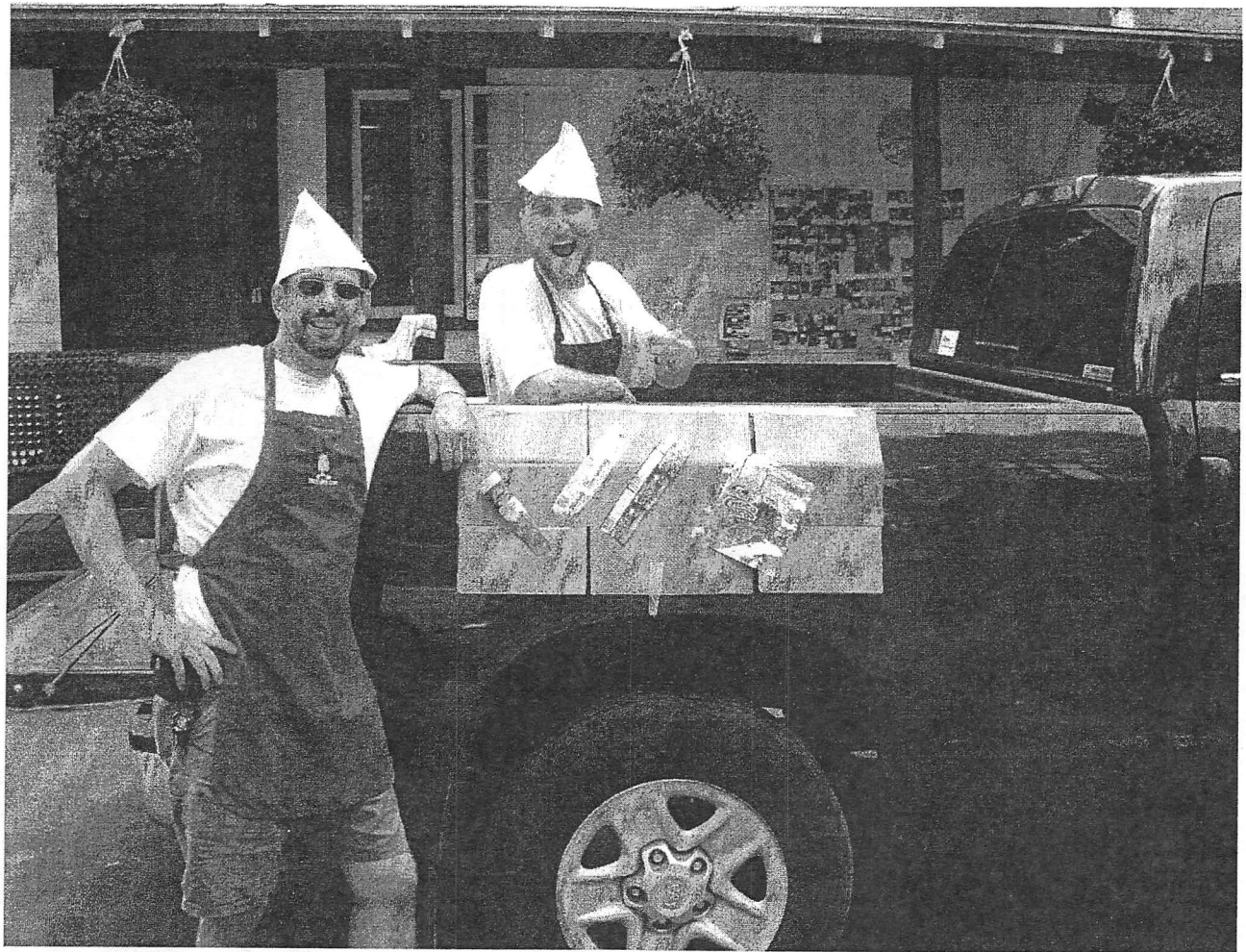


CABIN 7 & CABIN 8 TRIP REPORT

This year Cabin 7 and Cabin 8 went to Umbagog Lake. We canoed 7 miles to our campsite the first day. While at the campsite, [REDACTED] The next day we gathered our stuff and paddled through whitecap waves for 6.5 miles. Then we drove back to BRC totally depleted. A good time was had by all!

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HAVE A SWELL DAY!

EAGLES' NEST REPORT

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Editor's Note: It has been uncomfortably quiet in Eagles'. For more information, see Matt Guttman.

EAGLES' NEST TRIP REPORT

We went to Buzzards' Roost. It was nice, so we never came back. The end.

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IT TASTES GOOD
TO DO GOOD.

BEACH DAY

This year, Beach Day, as always, was an awesome party! As soon as BRC hit the beach, we jumped right into the freezing cold ocean water. Whenever there was a huge wave, we would scream, "PARTY WAVE!" After a lunch of sandwiches, chips, and cookies, some people headed back to the water, but others chilled on the beach, and some others made a ginormous sand castle. Some other activities were sumo wrestling for the decathlon and sand-burying. After a day of fun in the sun, we headed back to BRC. A good time was had by all.

- Trevor Perkins
Corporal
First Unicorn Brigade

Editor's Note: Love the line "fun in the sun." It's not cliché, and we'll bury you in sand if you say otherwise! Just try us...



You can't put a price on friendship.

BUZZARDS' ROOST REPORT

Buzzards' Roost was the bomb this session! Because of the closing of Eagles' Nest, we had not only Alasdair as a counselor, but also Nick Musciano. The year was quite adventurous from late-night swims to building fires in our pit! Nick Musciano is from Falmouth, Maine and his favorite activity is being *owned* at Basketball! Alasdair is from Westport, Connecticut and his favorite activities are Baseball and Sumo Wrestling! Nate "Neutron" Howard is from Scarborough, Maine and wants to be in the Navy someday. Some of his favorite activities are Lacrosse, Riflery and messing with his brother Ben! Nick Hall is from Cumberland, Maine and some of his favorite activities are breaking windows at Lacrosse and Riflery! Alex Dowd is from Illinois but some believe he is from somewhere in outer space. Some of his favorite activities are talking really loudly during whispering rounds and Campcraft. He brought eight knives to camp and has two swords at home! Brad Wescott is also in our cabin and although he is shy, he is also fun to be around. Brad is from Forest Hill, Maryland and his favorite activity is Kayaking! Ben Cole is from Wayland, Massachusetts and his favorite activities are running, making random comments, and Archery! Peter Brewster is from Concord, New Hampshire and his great-grandfather was the founder of the camp! Peter's favorite activity is Tennis! Curtis Alexander is from Cape Elizabeth, Maine and his favorite activities are Basketball and waterfront activities! Lance Naipier-Kane is from Milton, Delaware and is really awesome to be with in the cabin. Lance has a leopard named "Spots" and it always lies on his bed. Lance would like to be a counselor someday and his favorite activity is Birch Rock!

Editor's Note: Birch Rock is where we come to *participate in* activities, and therefore cannot be an activity without destroying the fabric of reality in a cyclical conundrum. Watch it Naipier-Kane!

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WHEN NATURE CALLS

BUZZARDS' ROOST TRIP REPORT

This session, Buzzards' trip was so bro! That campsite was mad sweet. Neutron, Lance, and Harry made the fire. The trip was great. Everyone did so well, we got back a day early. We were able to surprise Alasdair! From Table Top we could see Cabin 7 and Cabin 8 go by in the van! Overall, it was a great trip!

Editor's Note: For more information, see the Eagles' Nest Trip Report from the first session. Enjoy!



...CHILL PILL

OWLS' PERCH REPORT

This session, Owls' Perch had two counselors: Mike Wilson and Jamie Foley. Jamie joined our cabin in the middle of the session. We also have eight campers. Jonathan Tuffy is from Hanover, Massachusetts and his favorite activities are Drama, Sailing and Baseball. Talla Babou is from New York City and his favorite activities are Basketball and Canoeing. Jair Froome is also from New York City and his favorite activities are Riflery and Basketball. Preston Schottlaender is from Connecticut, and he likes Art and Drama. Jeremiah Goodwin is from Oxford Hills, Maine and his favorite activities are Riflery, Canoeing and Instructional Swim. Inigo Marcoartu is from Spain and his favorite activities are Soccer, Volleyball and Basketball. Henry Cleaves is from Portland, Maine and his favorite activities are Soccer, Tennis and Basketball. Last is Jeremy Lifter from Columbus, Ohio and his favorite activities are Canoeing and Campcraft.

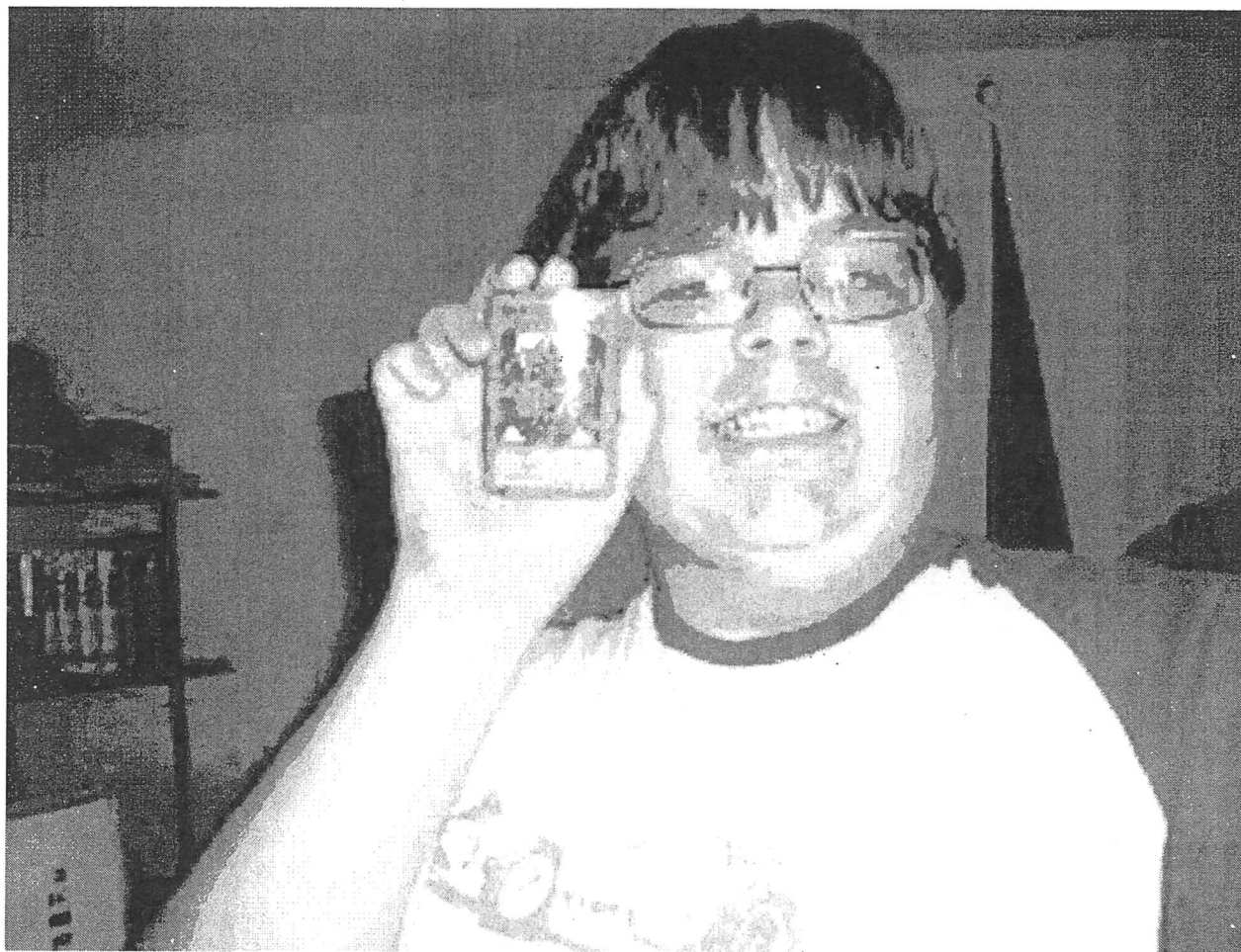
HAVE WE ALL GONE COMPLETELY **silly**?

OWLS' PERCH TRIP REPORT

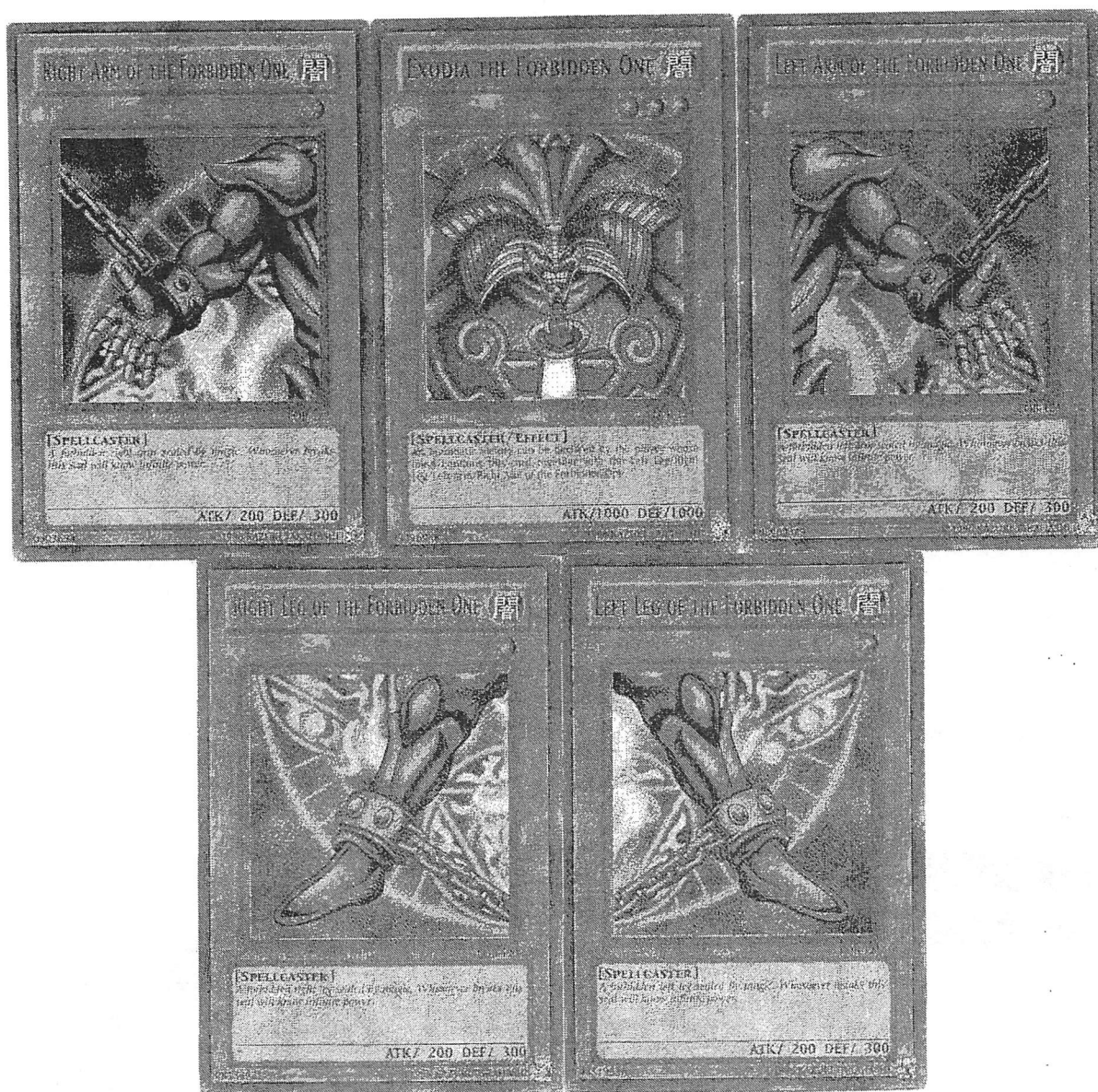
This session in Owls' Perch, we went to Flagstaff Lake. We took a three hour van ride to the lake and paddled three miles upwind to our campsite. When we got there, we unpacked and made a fire. Later that day we decided to stay at the same campsite for both nights. The next morning we heard Jair say, "What the heck was that - it's a raptor!" When we woke up, we made a new fire then we paddled to Old Flagstaff Village and ate lunch on a random beach. Then, when Cleaves got through his beach antics, we paddled back the whole way, listening to Inigo yelling at the wind. The next day we cleaned up our campsite and paddled out to the van. A good time was had by all.

Editor's Note: If by "raptor" you means "velociraptor," then you are very mistaken. The velociraptor was a dinosaur of the dromaeosaurid theropod genus which became extinct some 70-odd million years ago during the Cretaceous Period. They have since become extinct due to a meteor or something like that.

COMING SOON TO A THEATER NEAR YOU

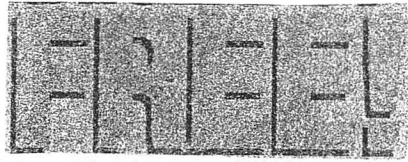


**DOO DOO, IZ GOTZ DA
OBELISK.
I POWNZ YOU.**



**OHZ NOZ! EXODIA –
OBLITERATE!**

PETE'S PALACE REPORT



Pete's Palace was a blast during the second session. We had seven campers and everyone got along fantastically. The all-star lineup was composed of Louis de la Bardonnie, hailing from France, Jimmy Scanlon and Brett Libby out of Cumerland, Maine, Curtis Whiting from New York, New York, Alex McLaughlin out of Princeton, New Jersey, Ben Foley down from Bowdoinham, Maine, and Eli Brewster from Concord, New Hampshire. The great matt Clifford headed the group as a fantastic counselor. Everyone enjoyed numerous activities, especially swimming, as Jimmy, Alex, Ben and Eli all swam their Whales. Curtis also got his Seal done soon after. Brett did Archery and Riflery quite a bit, racking up many badges, while Louis would be found at Boating and Volleyball. Alex, Eli, Curtis and Louis all did the Triathlon, and Alex shattered the previous standing record. The Palace was also a powerful force in inspection, winning 'Best Cabin' too many times to count! Aww yeah. A lot of other craziness happened as well, like the invasion of toy soldiers when we came back from our trip. There were easily thousands of toy soldiers in the cabin, and we took it to be a war between the USA and Quebec. (But we hope not.) Even now, at the end of the session, there are still plastic soldiers on the rafters, under the beds, and, well, all over the place! As many of you campers know, the Pete's Arcade is still booming with many new and retro games. One of the favorites is the old Ms. Pacman that we all play and enjoy. With two (or three...) secret entrances hidden around camp, we feel relatively certain that you lower campers still can't find it! New to the Arcade this year is the PS3 and the Monopoly pinball machine. Another popular game that Eli and Ben play is Turbo Race. Louis has his own customized sleeping bed, complete with Tempur-Pedic coziness. Alex, Jimmy, Curtis and Brett all play Halo 3 and destroy all. Sorry that most of you other campers can't be in the Arcade, but the more you come back to the Rock, the closer you get to Pete's! Don't worry, it'll still be here when you make it.

"Fast as NUTS."

the end zone

**Stray from
the mainstream.**

MAKE VICTORY A WAY OF LIFE

**RIDE A
WINNER**

SHOW UP UNANNOUNCED.

PETE'S PALACE TRIP REPORT

Second session, Pete's Palace went to the Presidentials. We hiked up three tough mountains. On the first day, we had the easiest hike, and that was Wildcat Mountain. Starting off with a pretty demanding uphill, we beasted it up the mountain pretty quickly and had a sweet rest at the top. When we were about to start down, we came along a ski trail that we found quite alluring due to its tall grass and butterflies. We started down it, only to figure out that we were going down a double black diamond. We got to the bottom with throbbing knees and walked a mile back to the van. The next day, we went up the tallest mountain on the East Coast: Mount Washington! Going up Tuckerman's Ravine was tough, but the top was rewarding. Getting to the warm building with warm food was amazing. While starting back down the mountain, it started to rain. Then it poured. When we made it to the bottom, all of our clothes were soaked. Luckily, that night we cooked hamburgers under the tarp in the pouring rain. The next day was Mount Madison. We started climbing and when we made it to the tree-line, there was a sign informing us that we were entering the worst weather in America. We couldn't continue climbing after a while, and started down the mountain. Discussing important topics like tall buildings supported by balloons, we had a good time despite the turnaround. On the last and final day, the 4th day, we all voted to go for a little walk - not a hike - to a little dam on 'The 19-Mile Brook' trail for a little swimming. When we got to the dam we jumped in, wearing only our boxers. After three days of hiking, it was really refreshing. However, as soon as we hit the water, we found out that it was freezing! After an "arctic swim," we dressed ourselves and hiked back to the van, ate lunch, and headed back to Birch Rock. A good time was had by all the whole way through, and this was one trip we will all remember!

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Ask me about my TEMPUR-PEDIC

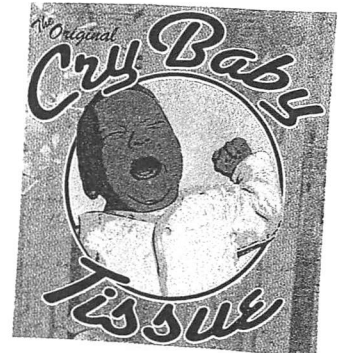
ODE TO DON MIGUEL

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For many years at Birch Rock Camp, a legend there has been,
To golf and fish is his bliss, to teach campers is his cause,
He will tell you a mighty tale, about Birch Rock long ago,
His love for camp is withstanding, through the years will come and go,
Don Miguel! A past trip-leader,
You and me, we know he's gentlemanly,
Don Miguel! Oh, he's a golf pro, and a Birch Rock counselor,
Don Miguel! Oh, his heart's so true - his contributions pulled us through!
Though he stays half-session, his spirit's always there,
and his words are always fair,
Don Miguel! An excellent teacher,
He'll teach me and he'll teach you, Don Miguel!
Don Miguel! And now we would like to extend a thank you,
For all the things you've done,
Don Miguel!

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MAINE WILDERNESS ADVENTURE (MWA) TRIP REPORT

We had eight kids that participated in Maine Wilderness Adventure. In the group, we had Patrick McLaughlin, Zach Bamberger, Andrew St. George, Dan Huycke, Dylan Sullivan, Nick Cogswell, Kevin Callejas and Edwin Martinez.

The first part was a six-day hike. We hiked through the Mahoosuc Notch. After that, we drove with our trip leaders Al and Doug to Mount Katahdin and tripped up to Chimney Pond. We needed to turn around.

The next thing we did was whitewater rafting. We went through three class 5 rapids!

The third thing we did was sea kayaking. We had a great guide named Rob, and had great meals. We also went right by a group of seals.

The next activity was canoeing down the St. Croix River. We had great campfires and went down two class 3 rapids.

The last thing we did was go rock climbing. We went to Otter Cliffs, which were filmed in the movie "Shutter Island." We climbed for two-and-a-half days and then went on the 'half-day surprise.' If you want to know more about that, you need to go on MWA!

- Patrick McLaughlin

sters.

CONDITIONS



CIT REPORT

LOVE IS BLIND

It was all a dream,
Just wanted to be a CIT
Salt and Peppa and some butter in my grits for me
Got my banner on my wall
Every single badge, from sailing to baseball we got 'em all
We let my campers rock until eight or nine o'clock
Rowdy erryday except at tree talk
But remember way back to when we wore maroon
Crazy to think we might be on staff soon
And remember Todd Cobb, Duh-ha, Duh-ha
Who thought that '04 could take it this far
Now we're in the all white cuz we work right
Soon to get paid, lifeguarding and first aid
Born Birch Rocker, not Waziyatah
See our names on plaques as the Otters
Peace to AC, Sammy D, Nurdy
Roxy, Jinx, Percy, Ollie
Growing up like your thought we would
At BRC, Same camp, Same wood

If you don't know now you know Campahs,

We made the change from common kids
To up close and personal with Mike Rich
And we're far from lazy, we work with the Staff all day
Help campers, that's the Birch Rock way
Now you know Mystro keeps me busy
Campers don't diss me
My parents write letters because they miss me
Never thought it could happen this role model stuff
I was too used to the backtalk and stuff
But now campers play me close like Galen played Keith
Doing it right, for Onie and the Chief,
Climbing every peak, all seven weeks
Campers quiet to hear the CIT speak
Do patrol without fear,
Putting in the time so there are no tears,
Lunches, brunches, working the dishes
Teaching the kids to swim like the fishes
Stereotypes of a CIT misunderstood
But its still all good...
And if you don't know, now you know, campahs!

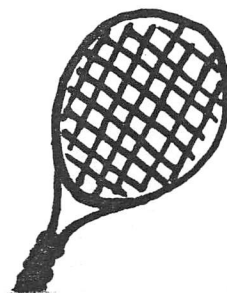
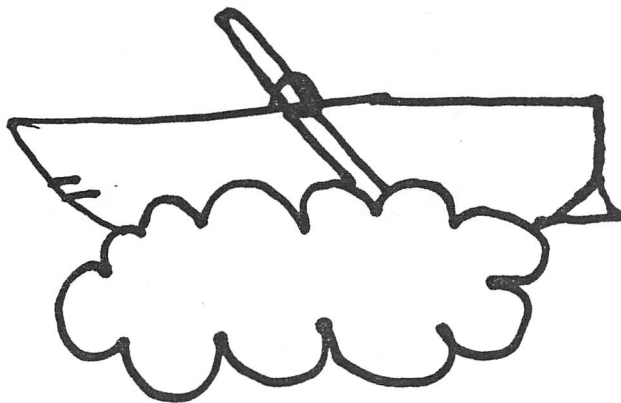
- The CITs

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ARCHERY REPORT

This summer, Archery was the bomb! Bob Donahue and Jamie Foley were the masters of the range. Each day, many campers scurried up to the archery range in hopes of earning huge (pronounced "HUUUUUGE") quantities of badges. And they certainly did. Badges "were flying" (that is the expression Bob overused in his announcements) all summer long, and, as usual, Archery gave out the most badges of any activity. Overall, Archery 2010 was a blast, and an awesome time was had by all.

Editor's Note: There is, as of yet, no conclusive evidence that Archery has in fact awarded more badges than any other activity. Volleyball is particularly livid over this - and we quote - "preposterous claim." It would also like to note that Archery did not attract half as many babes as it did. In Archery's defense, Maid Marian was a serious 14th-century hottie, bonnet and all.

YES THEY'RE THAT GOOD.



Finish Fast, Finish First

ART STUDIO REPORT

2010 was another great season for the art studio! Campers were again "hands-on" with pottery, fuse beads, hemp bracelets, sun catchers, and beaded animals. This year's new art studio projects included: pine pillows, string art, boat-making, mini skateboards and wooden race cars. The 'BRC 500' took place during the second session with the campers creating their own modified version of a wood racecar. Once completed they had time trials and the 2010 'BRC 500' winner was CIT Ryan Boothby.

As always the campers enjoyed coming to the art studio on the "hot" days since art is the "coolest activity at camp!"

- Sue Davis

the new app



BASEBALL REPORT

This year at baseball was awesome. Badges may not have been flying, but the baseballs definitely were. First session 'Homerun Derby' winners include Ben Cohn, Rodolfo Dietsch, and Louis Hurtado. At the end of the first session, I hit Alasdair in the leg and he was put on bench-warming duties for a few days. At the beginning of the second session, the BRC lads suited up in a friendly match of b-ball against a worthy Camp Susan Curtis team. The game was a lot of fun, but unfortunately BRC took the loss in a 5-2 game. Special regards to Henry cleaves, who pitched the 4th and 5th innings and threw six strike outs for a perfect two consecutive innings. As the second session continued, dedicated ballers like Peter Brewster, Alex McLaughlin, Jimmy Scanlon, and Eli Brewster continued to sign up. There were quite a few junior badges awarded this summer, but only a few seniors: Ben Cohn, Peter Brewster, and Eli Brewster. Congratulations to them, and have a great off-season everyone!

- Matt Guttman

Editor's Note: Moments before submission, Alasdair Thornton attempted to add his name to the bottom of this report as the co-writer. Alasdair, however, must not have read the actual report, as he would have noticed that it is clearly written from Matt "Oh Yeah I Want Your Raging Baloth!" Guttman's perspective. Nice try buddy, and better luck next year...

P.S. Baseball has a cardiovascular limit of 120 BPMs. Except for when Alasdair is there, in which case "Temple of Doom"-esque heart removal is the limit!

Winning isn't everything.

TAILGATEVILLE

BASKETBALL REPORT

Basketball is super extremely fun
Every day under the hot hot sun

We're all ballers and ya we never quit
First session was boss and second session was legit

No shirts and high socks to look cool
Bob fell for 'the move' and we never did the gate rule

Everybody is welcome, even the punks
After all they are the best at slam dunks

All skills were practiced every day
Even in the rain we insisted to play (palm it)

Thanks for the shed, so the balls don't rot
Too bad there aren't speakers to jam Slipknot!!

Three-point contest, Jair and T. McLaughlin
Always enjoyed views of the Millenium Falcon

Conditioning is important to stay in general shape
Especially if you're one of those kids from the Cape

To the pros we all are bound
After many practices at NBA Kia shootaround

Ya we're Birch Rockers and we never cheat
We display good sportsmanship and would never sign with the Heat

As a Field Director I am required to say
Thanks for orb, quorum, CTF, Ultimate, Speed and 'Let's Hit the Hay'

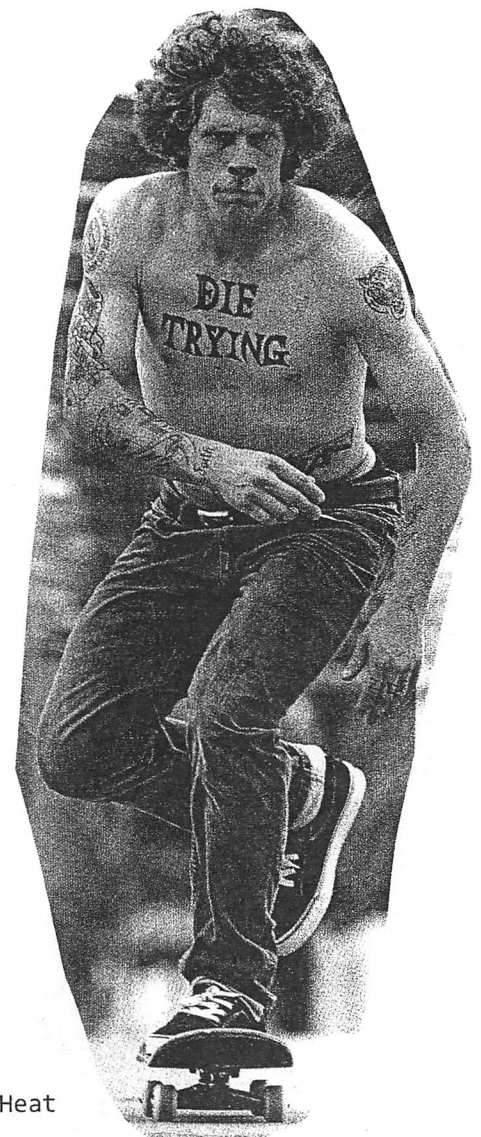
Thanks to Janice for the weekly mow
Even though she is a lady she's also a pretty cool bro

Of course we love super knockout and tips, as most do
Will Goduti is sick, and so are you!!

I'll miss these days, they were the best
Here's to you and all the rest.

Good times! Thanks guys and see you soon.

- Nick Musciano
Baller



Extreme hydration.

BOATING REPORT

Congratulations to the mighty strength and power of this season's Birch Rock Boating Squadron. Thanks to the extraordinary guidance of Master Whaler David Weeks, with his former camper and counselor Rich Deering, this summer's Boating activity was all about endurance, skill-building and precision. We had a mighty handful of participants who braved the windy waters of Lake McWain. Some of the highlights included some tandem team races, long-distance swim assistance and just sheer merriment in powering through the waves each morning.

Brad Wescott, Andrew St. George, Patrick McLaughlin and Louis de la Bardonnie all earned their General Ordinance Boating (G.O.B.) badge for the season. This award covers: general parts of the boat, safety, tandem rowing strokes, fisherman's row, 360° turning, debarking and overall attitude. Special recognition goes to Zachary Bamberger for his initiative to participate during his last few days of the first session.

We look forward to next season and tackling the advanced SEAMAN badge and reintroducing the BRC two-man skull for those mighty warriors. Let's keep going...

- Rich Deering

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OF THE EARTH

The Holy Grail

CAMPFIRE REPORT

This year's Campfire had a few changes. One was that there were no staff skits this summer. Instead, the counselors were in the skits with their cabins. Another change was music with Ed at Campfire. Favorite moments at Campfire included: Ed's original song (he wrote it), any skit Jamie was in, the CIT rap in the first session, improv skits, Buzzard's Roost Mario- and Star Wars-themed skits, the Zambini Brothers, the Avid Readers, and many more. Most of the Campfires had a theme to them this summer. In order, the first one was just an into to Campfire, the second had a pirate theme, the third a space theme, the fourth an undersea theme, the fifth a 'BRC mojo' theme, and the fifth a 'Magic Mountain' theme. Also, the turnover day Campfire was a full-camp improv game. As any camper could attest, a good time was definitely had by all at every Campfire.

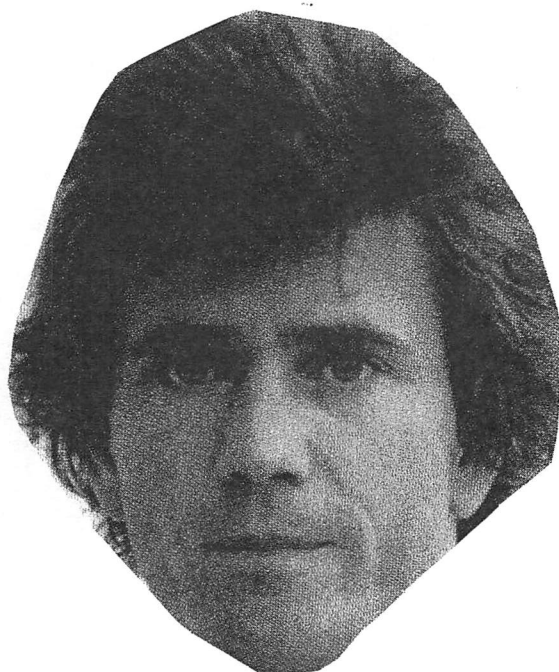
- Jeremiah Goodwin

Editor's Note: Kudos to you, Mike Wilson. A job splendiferously done!

CAMPCRAFT REPORT

2010 was another excellent year for Campcraft. It was great to see many of you come down for the first time, take a seat on a rustic bench, and with open minds start carving. We awarded a multitude of junior badges to campers who showed good skill in knife work, fire building, and knots. Jeremy Lifter and Gordon Hargraves deserve special mention for expanding their outdoor survival knowledge to the point of earning their senior badges. But the real heroes of Campcraft were those who spent weeks on their fuzz sticks, tried again and again for their fire rights, and worked through blisters and cuts, tears and dirt. Your dedication impressed and refreshed us every day. Thank you all, and see you next year.

- Harry Netzer
Nolan Sullivan
Ben Howard



MAGIC: THE GATHERING: THE REPORT

At BRC, 'Magic' is a thing that most people at camp do. 'Magic' is a card game. It is sort of complicated, but if you find the right person to teach you, it becomes less complicated. The only camper in camp that has beaten Ryno, the head counselor, is Noah Keates, a very respectable 'Magic' player. Ryno is a very good 'Magic' player, so to beat Ryno is a very big accomplishment. Mike Mattson is also a very good 'Magic' player as well. We would like to see them duel. Some people get addicted to 'Magic.' They send their mothers letters telling them about 'Magic.' 'Magic' is fun, and you should try it too.

- Nick Davis & Asa Kaplan
'Magic' Enthusiasts

Editor's Note: 'Magic' is not allowed at the table. P.S. My Blue-Eyes White Dragon has 3,000 attack points. Let's see Homunculus deal with that. -Clifford



CROQUET REPORT

Second session Otters were offered the opportunity to play croquet during the first period. It ended up that we played two tournaments. The first tournament was two weeks long and involved nine participants. At the end of fourteen games, the results were as follows: Asa Kaplan won four games; Juan Castillo and Garrett Alexander tied for first with five wins each! Max Naipier-Kane was a determined player throughout the tournament and Nick Davis showed the most improvement. After Juan Castillo had to leave us, there was a second tournament in which everyone started with a clean slate. The second tournament was about a week long and involved nine participants including guest appearances by Ryan Boothby and Nick Musciano. At the end of four games, the results were as follows: Garrett Alexander and Spencer Robbins with one game win each; Nick Davis took the overall tournament with two wins! Caleb Davis was most improved this time - It's clobbering time, Caleb! Fun was had by all!

Respectfully submitted,

Coach Goodwin

Win Against Itchy Dry Scalp!

CANOEING REPORT

The mist rose up from the calm, still waters of Lack McWain. As the sun rose into the sky, the canoeists prepared to embark on another adventure upon the lake.

Hello everyone! This year canoeing had its assortment of badges and excitement. There was a large amount of junior badges called the Penobscot that went on during both sessions. We also had a number of campers working on the senior badge and one advanced badge which Jeremy Lifter had been working hard to attain. During the first session, there was a war that began to break out between the canoeists and the kayakers. There were a number of battles that took place, but it all ended eventually with the signing of a peace charter between the canoeists and the kayakers during campfire. The adventures across the lake and working on badge parts created an enjoyable learning environment for everyone in canoeing this year. Long last the great peace!

- RD Weeks

PLUS-SIZE

DRAMA REPORT

At dinner on the fourth day of activities, I called up Gordon Hargaves, Christian Hurtado, Lance Napier-Kane, Jack Duggan, Rakesh Potluri, and Andrew and Matt Strout to give a trip report on their adventure to Honey Pot Mountain. The young men stood in front of camp and recounted going to the outfitters' to get gear, crossing choppy waters in a small boat, and then scrabbling uphill using the gear they got from the outfitter to fight off an ape king and defensive bees and to claim the honey. Some of the campers and staff in the lodge looked confused. "It might help to know this was pretend," I explained. "We went on this trip in 1st and 3rd period Drama."

Playfulness and imagination fueled Drama this summer. So did learning. On the trip to Honey Pot Mountain, for example, campers learned to solve problems in-character, which is a key skill in improvisation. They also learned about the skill of reintegration in story telling, by using the gear that they purchased at the outfitters' later in their adventure. Over the course of the summer, we covered much content and form: devising original theatre; being in ensemble; physical communication; spontaneity; staging; establishing a clear scene in improvisation; acting with objectives; and interpreting and performing a monolog.

First session, a tight group of actors formed in both Lower Camp and Upper Camp to create original pieces of theatre and grow as actors. In Lower Camp were Rakesh and Rajiv Portluri; Jack Duggan; Jon Tuffy; and Max Napier-Kane. Along with Christian Hurtado, David Herzig, and Max Woods, these young men created a piece on our nurse Cathy Roland's efforts to keep the camp healthy and safe; the piece also weighed the pros and cons of Germ Ex hand sanitizer against classic soap and water. In Upper Camp were Christian Hurtado, Gage Wheeler, James Coyne, and Naropa Perez. These four created a tight piece that imagined a candy smuggling ring at Birch Rock and the counselors' response to the operation. The groups met over rest periods and did double-periods to cover all of their material. Rakesh, Rajiv, Christian, Gage, and Naropa finished their work with Drama's senior badge, the Thespian. Twelve campers earned their junior badge, the Apprentice.

Second session no such groups formed, but many campers found a home in the program. Jon Tuffy, Curtis Whiting, Louis De La Bardonnie, and Ben Cole worked together on improvisation. Preston Schottlaender and Jair Froome both did strong work with monologs. Trevor Perkins, Jeffrey Napier-Kane, Ed Stafford, Noah Clark, Noah Keates, Sam Wayne, William Francis, Jeffrey Wood, Ethan Peterson, and Sam Rogers reigned at first period Drama. Most of these young actors worked together to create a piece on what happens when plankton decide they want to be at the top of the food chain; a few collaborated to dramatize the camp-wide debate on whether or not Birch Rock should allow Crab People to live among us. All of them (the first-period Drama campers, not the crab people) earned their Apprentice.

Plans for next year unfold. Thanks for the joy. Be in touch.

-Mike "Da Nu, Da Nu" Wilson



KAYAKING REPORT

The kayakers at Birch Rock were very mean to us this year. This was the first year that the Crab People were situated on Lack McWain. We were soon greeted by the BRC kayakers. We went to extend our 'hello's to these fine young men, but we were instead denied. A young camper, known by the others as "Clob" clobbered his way through our peaceful people. Despite many attempts at peace, including a direct visit from myself - which was disastrous - I had to be escorted out by my bodyguards. Maybe I didn't make the best impression... regardless, I still admired the skill and precision of the BRC kayakers. In fact, my friend, Adrian Brody, still talks about their skills. From what I know, there were badges all around, including some fantastic showings for senior badges. The Crab People one day hope that the Birch Rockers will come to find us Crab People to be alright and that we can work together for a brighter future on Lake McWain. We too dream of peace.

- Crabassador Cahill

P.S. By the way, yup, we still have Adrian Brody.

INSPECTION REPORT

'Perfect Four' is a state of mind. The best cabins from the front session were Cabin 4 and Pete's - of course. In the second half, Cabin 6 dominated along the wall.

I look at your beds every day, twice a day, and I notice the little cracks in your corners, and all your little improvements... your shelves too. Sometimes they bother me. However, some campers stood out with their beds and personal spaces; I'd like to recognize them. Neutron, Lance, Matthias, Hank, Alex and Ben: good work gentleman! I like it nice and tidy.

Wash house, now that's a different scene altogether! Lower Camp: it's always a struggle. Upper Camp: you do your best job. But I do love inspection, every bit of it.

I know where you sleep.

-Ryno



LIBRARY REPORT

This summer in the library many campers reread old favorites. Harry Potter, The BFG, and the Alex Rider series made the list of books most frequently checked out. The Rick Riordan series also continued to be popular.

It took most of the summer but with the help of campers like Juan Castillo and Noah Clark, the difficult King Arthur puzzle was completed.

The library was also the host site of 'Magic' competition conditioning. This happened mostly during general swim time.

It was wonderful to see so many campers reading and to get so many great recommendations for new books to read!

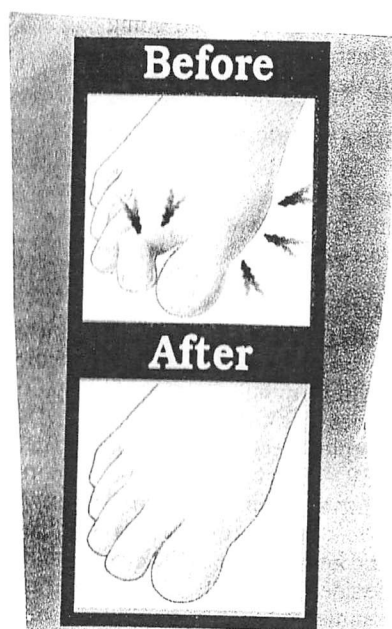
Thanks for a terrific 2010! Hope to see you all next summer!

- Tracy Goodwin

LACROSSE REPORT

The BRC LAX crew was truly getting its flow on this summer. Badges were flying nearly as fast as the balls being ripped at the net during 2nd and 3rd periods. 2nd period was taught by Ben Howard and Matt Guttman and 3rd period by Will Brewster. All three are seasoned BRC lax-ers. Constantly keeping in mind that 90% of LAX is flow, we played lots of Lacrosse-Golf, HORSE, and Bounce (on the basketball court), and shot for "the candy corner," a small mesh bag placed in the upper-right corner of the net. Hitting the candy corner earns the shooter a piece of candy each time he snipes it. Campers Garrett Alexander and Stu Whittier labored at the candy corner for many periods over the second session, becoming true snipers by the end of the camp season. Sam Wayne and William Francis proved to be some of the most agile and tricky players on the field, constantly dangling other lax-ers that got in their way. Finally, the MVPs of the 2010 BRC LAX program were Nick Farnham and David Herzig for their hard work, skill and dedication to the game. To everyone who came up to toss, shoot, cradle, dangle, or simply chill and work on flow, thank you, and LAX on! And Nick Hall, you have a ripper of a shot, but please don't break anymore windows.

- William L. Brewster
Benjamin T. Howard
Matt R.B. Guttman



WORLD CUP REPORT

This year out at Biroca Stadium (capacity: 82,500), two World Cup tournaments were held, one per session, where the soccer aficionados residing on campus competed to single out the best among them. Although both tournaments whipped up a frenzy of soccer passion from both the athletes and their devout followers, only one team from each Cup could go home winners. The first session winners were the dynamic passing duo of Andrew St. George and Spaulding Goetze (representing Erik Joelsson's Sweden), both of whom were promptly signed by Manchester United. The second session winners, to much excitement from the home crowd, were, representing the United States, sharpshooters Edward Stafford and Henry Cleaves.

- Theo Lipsky

How I Kicked the

THE RIVALRY

MOUNTAIN BIKING REPORT

Mountain Biking was quiet this summer. Well, as quiet as you can expect given that we were dropping off of picnic tables, tearing through mud, and cranking away on ball bearings. It was quiet in that almost all participants were between milestones. Matt Soper, Hudson Cohn, Ben Cole, and Mac Agnew all worked on their junior badges but need to master a few more skills before completion. Likewise, Hudson Coccoluto, Hank Robbins, Trevor McGlaughlin, and Nick Hall bore down on their senior badges (the Sport) but all need to master the aptly-named Nemesis uphill and various other challenges before they're done. Patrick McLaughlin did good work towards his advanced badge but then headed to MWA. Alex McLaughlin has already completed his advanced badge so he did not have a special hurdle to leap this summer—that will come when he begins leading sessions as a CIT and staff member. However, Alex did amazing work this summer mentoring other riders, teaching trials riding, and rehabilitating a camp bike. Mountain biking this summer was growing under cover, like a seed or a revolution.

In the spotlight nonetheless were Praxedes Castillo, Hank Robbins, Hudson Coccoluto, and Spaulding Goetze, who all earned their junior badges. Also vital and visible were the Mountain Biking CITs, Ben Duvall and Will Goduti. These two men frequently covered Mountain Biking though they began the summer without much knowledge of the sport. In this position, they had to teach without knowing as much as some of their students. They rose to the challenge gracefully.

From the Mountain Biking Shed,

Mike Wilson



ENQUIRER WORD SEARCH

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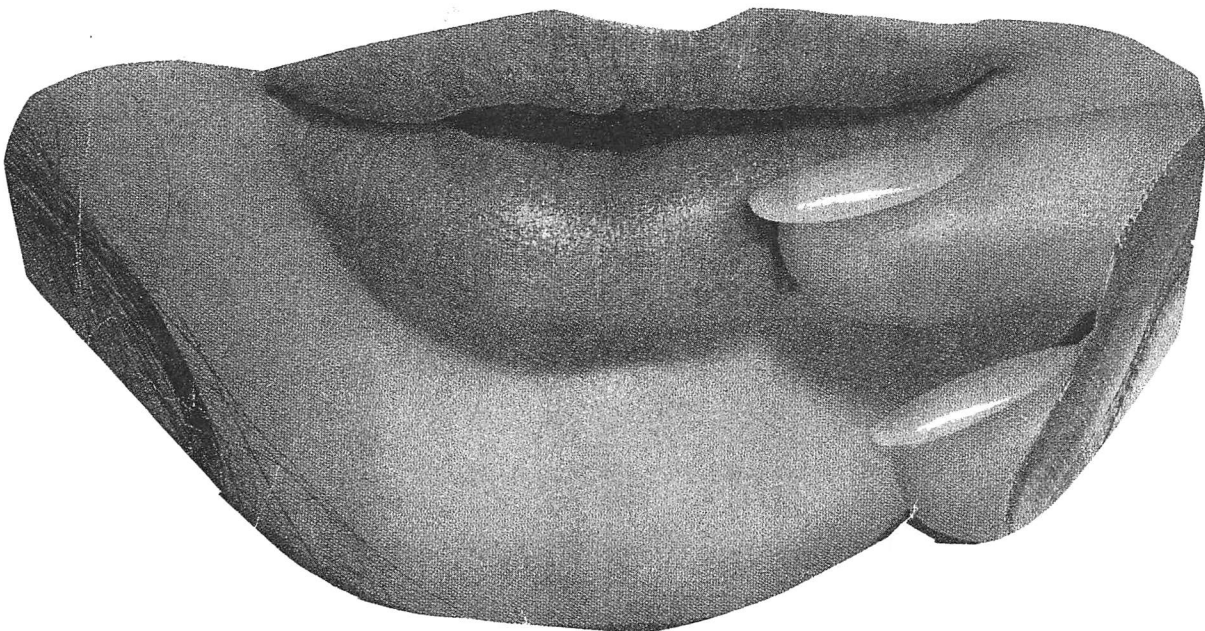
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NATURE REPORT

The Fish Hatchery was alive and kickin' this season! There were crayfish, fish, frogs, spiders, ants, beetles, worms, mice, and, of course, campers working on badge parts, too! Campers came to Nature like never before and worked hard so that at the end of the season there were a total of 31 Baxters (Junior Badges) and 16 Audubons (Senior Badges) earned. There were 10 double badge earners and they are as follows: Sawyer Fenderson, Christian Hurtado, Praxedes Castillo, Juan Castillo, Ethan Petersen, Asa Kaplan, Hugh Jacks, Jeff Wood, Ben Wagner, and Noah Keates. The last three (Jeff, Ben, and Noah) came to be known as "The Wolf Pack" because of the way that they worked together to earn both badges - it was awesome! There was a field trip to the Maine Wildlife Park in Gray on Monday, July 12th, taken by fifteen of us - fun was had by all! A favorite moment for me this season was when Rodolfo Dietsch and Nick Davis caught their first frog - the look on their faces was priceless! Campers came to Nature this season with a real drive and determination to get work done and I just want to say that I really, really appreciated that! I also appreciate all the people that helped me out this season. Harry Netzer was my faithful assistant. Ben Semmes helped and had the great wintergreen idea. He also role modeled how to draw in Nature - Great work, Ben! Connor McLaughlin was at Nature more often than not and his support was greatly appreciated. Snickers: you really got the salamander thing going! Trevor McLaughlin: you were very helpful in the second session with the younger campers - it did not go unnoticed, believe me! Curtis Whiting, as our most advanced camper in Nature, it is always a pleasure when you return to the Hatchery. Thanks go out to Trevor Perkins and to you for taking care of the composting when Harry was away!

Great Job Everyone!

- Jon Goodwin



SAILING REPORT

Hello all, "Captain Nemo" here, just back from sailing my yacht to the Baltic Sea and back with my trusty first mate "Black Elk." On our journey, we plundered and pillaged many a village and accidentally set off a volcano in Iceland. Upon arriving at the Baltic, we realized we had made a small navigational error, and ended up at Birch Rock Camp on Lake McWain. The winds there were almost as strong as storms we had seen off the coast of Newfoundland. The sailors were almost as skilled as our arch nemesis, "The Dreaded Pirate Blue Beard." We were particularly pleased with a number of young deckhands in our employ. With a fleet of Sunfish and our flagship sloop "The Barnacle Wagon," we headed south to satiate our drive for adventure. Highlights of our trip through the Caribbean and eventually on to the real Baltic Sea included: Spaulding and Jeremiah turtling seven consecutive times; Mac getting torn from the boat and swallowed up by the sea; and Sam enjoying a first heavy wind sail, only to end in a glorious capsize. Of all the places we ventured, "Black Elk" and I felt most at home on the shores of Lake McWain. We came back to tell our tale and to look forward to seeing sails on the horizon next summer. See you there.

- Captain Nemo

Control Freak

RIFLERY REPORT

The 2010 season was a "blast" for the riflery department! ☺ This year we gave out a record number of badges totaling 26 in all. The change to riflery this year was that we only met every other day instead of daily. This allowed those who enjoy riflery the opportunity to participate in other afternoon activities as well.

Highlights of the season include:

- Nate Howard achieving his EXPERT Badge
- Shooting items from the "Smoothie" box :)
- Having a "shoot-off" with Camp Winona
- Shooting AK-47's and other "big" guns
- Stops because it was "soooooooo HOT!"
- Having the range to ourselves every time!

For those who did not do Riflery this year... You missed out on a "blast!"
SIGN UP FOR RIFLERY NEXT YEAR!

- Mystro



LEO

JULY 23 - AUG. 23

Last-minute details find you scrambling to meet a deadline. Take a few deep breaths, ask for help and put the finishing touches in place. Everything works out in the end! Lucky Numbers: 6, 24, 33

SOCCER REPORT

This year soccer was taught by two great counselors: Ben Howard and Will Brewster. Soccer was visited often by some of the greats: Matt Rottman, Henry Cleaves, and Ed Stafford. These three gentlemen brought the World Cup craze to camp, which led to two World Cup tournaments in one year! These events were headed up by the famous master of soccer ceremonies, Theo Lipsky, and were featured entertainment by Pickles' dance crew. Each tournament drew over 30,000 fans. Even when the tournament was not happening, people were still wildly practicing for the tournament, so most days at soccer we had World Cup mini games. 2010 Soccer was also graced by the presence of two new games. One was 'Throw In,' a game where you use only soccer throw-ins to pass the ball up the field and score. The big invention, though, was 'Basket Soccer.' This sport was a mix of two different sports: Basketball and Soccer (if you couldn't tell). This sport was played like Soccer at first, but if you tipped it up and started dribbling it, it would turn into basketball. Overall the Soccer year was great. We saw a lot of skill improvement and a lot of effort. I hope to be back next year to see the growth that all the kids made over the off-season with the helpful hints that we taught them.

- Ben Howard

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HOW TO PLAY

You must fill in every empty square in the Sudoku grid. There's no right way of going about this, but there is only ever one solution. The big grid is split into nine mini-grids. There are nine rows running left to right and nine columns running down. In every row, you must have each of the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9. These can be in any order. The same applies to columns and mini-grids: place every number 1 through 9 in each column and in each mini-grid.



SWIMMING REPORT

Oh man it's good to be back at Swimming, and what an incredible year it has been! When I had the opportunity to visit Birch Rock last summer during the 2009 season, there was only one thing that I knew I *needed* to do: jump into good old Lake McWain! However, due to my limited 48-hour window, and thunder and lightning for the full duration of my stay, this was one of the few things which I *didn't* get around to doing. Let me tell you: as I drove away from Birch Rock on the morning of my departure, I was so upset I almost cried. Swimming in Lake McWain is one of my great loves that developed at Birch Rock, and it has been my goal, and that of the entire swim staff, during the 2010 season to share our love of swimming and of beautiful Lake McWain with all of you.

This year, the weather has helped us phenomenally! Although last year's Swimming may have been slightly marred by frigid weather and frequent thunderstorms, our cosmic rebate hit us hard this year with incredible sun and blazingly hot temperatures. I hope that Swimming provided a place to cool down, and we, your instructors, appreciate everyone's rabid enthusiasm about jumping in the water, even on the "cold" days (i.e. 70° Fahrenheit water temperature). With any luck, next year will continue in this mold, and Lake McWain will remain in pristine condition for our enjoyment. As a note, many of the surrounding lakes have been significantly affected this summer by high levels of bacteria, particularly the dangerous E. Coli organism. However, and the Lake McWain Society was particularly interested in sharing this fact during their summertime meeting in the Lodge, Lake McWain remains one of the most healthy (and healthful) lakes in the region!

Although only seven weeks have elapsed since this glorious body of water was graced by the presence of the Birch Rock swimmers, a mountain (or perhaps an iceberg?) of aquatic accomplishments has been realised. King: you must have done a "kick Haas" job last year, because campers showed up in excellent swimming condition; hats off to you! The real heroes of Swimming this year, however, are those campers who pushed themselves beyond their comfort zone and realised the true mechanics of Swimming: the more you put in, the more you get out! It was especially powerful to watch certain swimmers complete long-distance swims which have for many years eluded them. Some of these swimmers pushed themselves to the next level of swim mechanics this year, and others surmounted mental barriers that prevented them from braving deeper waters. I am overwhelmingly proud of two sets of brothers, Lance and Max Naipier-Kane and Jeremiah and Matthias Goodwin, for swimming their Ducks. These young men have overcome the precedence of their earlier years at Swimming and approached this year with vigor and *chutzpah*! I would also like to recognize Jeremy Lifter for completing his Loon. Having worked with Jeremy as a younger counselor, when a Hiltonite Jeremy was still adjusting to the feel of 'craddle muck' between his toes, it is with powerful personal sentiment that I wish to congratulate him on swimming a full mile! The final person deserving of recognition is without a doubt the most improved swimmer of the season. Talla Babou, in a short seven weeks, has worked tirelessly to improve his strokes, and improved they have! There is not a single staff member who has not recognized the leaps and bounds with which he has improved, and his breaststroke is truly something to be emulated.

The Whales have once again come out in force, and this year marked the celebration of an historic and novel event at Birch Rock: Whale Day! On the 1st of August, 2010, Eli Brewster, Ben Foley, Alex McLaughlin and Jimmy Scanlon *all* swam their way around Lake McWain and completed their Whales! This is, without a doubt, the most unified group of campers I have ever seen train and swim together, and their accomplishment has been permanently etched into the walls of the Birch Rock lodge: the Whale Plaque for 2010 reads, 'VII-I-MMX' or 7/1/2010. I look forward to seeing them move on from the camper and into the staff ranks in order to share their non-

competitive and unified approach to tackling one of the greatest challenges that Birch Rock has to offer. They will, without a doubt, beget a new and incredible generation of Whales in the true spirit of the legendary accomplishment. I would also like to recognize two CITs, Ryan Boothby and Ben Duvall, who leaped into the water with limited training and swam their Whales. Bravo gentlemen! These men-in-transition solidify the rebirth of the CIT Whale tradition, and will receive recognition on the walls of Pete's Palace with their CIT Whale predecessors.

Gentlemen, you all know that I talk too much, and now you know that I write too much to. So this is where I'll stop: it's been a blast and I can't wait to see you all next year for more Swimming! Keep those heads down!

- Matt Clifford

TENNIS REPORT

This year at Tennis, we had a totally sweet bro-sesh. For the first time in three years, we had enough sun to keep Tennis, the most rain-sensitive activity, open almost every day. We were able to bus out a ton of badges from the upper echelons. Henri and Z-Bam earned their advanced badges. Earning their senior badges we had Noah Keates, Ben Cole, Louis Hurtado and Sears Schulz. We also awarded a whole slew of junior badges and hopefully those guys will be back next year to earn their senior badges. We ran one tournament in the first session that never got started and one in the second session that has yet to be finished. Will and I had a great time teaching Tennis this year and we thank you for your support.

- Pickles

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2010-1980's TRIP REPORT

WHILE IN A CONSTANT TIME WARP TO THE 80'S, GABE DREYER COMPILED THIS TRIP REPORT.

This year, the 1980's were still totally rad. Reaganomics and its "trickle-down effect," leg warmers, Rick Astley, short shorts, 'Brat Pack' movies, and awful hairstyles were greatly enjoyed. I went up to Birch Rock for a week in '83 to hang with campers such as Mike and Ron Mattson, Dave Jenkins, and the Mountain Biking legend: Jonas Mikolayunas. It was pretty fresh and I also introduced the 'high-five' to BRC, while picking up some dope cassettes for my ghettoblaster.

As Mr. T says, "I pity the fool who don't love the 80's!"

- Gabe Dreyer

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GET BACK IN THE GAME

WOODSHOP REPORT

Wear It.

In the woodshop, Thomas Joyce was cutting it up. We had many projects completed this year with many badges going out. This year, we rubbed a lot of wood with sandpaper to make it smooth. Many campers were working on their trimaran sailboats for the big boat race that Ben Foley won. Special mention goes out to Dylan Sullivan, who came in second place. Another popular project was butter knives... which somebody made. One of the stunning projects was Matt Burke's African chair. Half-way through the first session we went on a trip to Charlie McDonald's lumber mill. We got to see how the wood is cut by a huge saw. Charlie cut a fine piece of wood that came right from Birch Rock. We all piled the wood into the van. After the lumber yard, we went to help old folks in the retirement home. Other than that, Woodshop was pretty nice.

P.S. The woodshop has been cleaned, so Donald Munn: STOP THROWING NAILS AROUND!

- Ben Foley
Two-Time Signup &
Woodshop Enthusiast

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VOLLEYBALL REPORT

We had chicks up at volleyball all year this year because chicks dig volleyball. At least once a day, Meagan would drive by in her hot-pink Barbie car. Besides the chicks being up there, volleyball was great on its own. The net was a little saggy at first, and was destroyed by the Gage with his killer spine. This was a blessing in the long-run because we erected the net higher and stronger than ever before. Since that fateful moment, the net has acted like a 'bat signal' for camp, attracting chicks from far and wide. To name some of these chicks, we saw: Angelina Jolie, Britney Spears, Taylor Swift, and Reese Witherspoon. But that wasn't all that happened! We also saw many junior badges go out, including five in one day! Even after a season full of amazing bumps and spikes, we still managed to go out with an even bigger bang: the invention of Dodgevolleyball! This activity was the candy topping on the return of volleyball to Birch Rock, and its sweet succulence has made everyone want even more volleyball.

- Ben Howard

CHEAT

Riding out the HEAT WAVES

WE REMEMBER SO WELL...

Opening Day... BRC Ice Cream Truck... The Zambini Brothers... "New talent in the kitchen"... Guttman's Raging Baloth... Roman Senate... The Falcon... Avid Readers... No rain, no rain... El Lobo Asesino... Super silly... Turn-over day... Cabin Competition .5... NO STAFF SKITS... Da-Nu, Da-Nu, WILSON... Jabba's Palace... Bennie Howah's... Le Lodge... Count Toehamas... CARDS... Mario Bros... The Godfather... Don Miguel & Dave Weeks... KHITN... Whale Day... Elbow Vikings... "The barn door fell on Austin!"... Dead moose on campus... Blitz... Mini-Moosh... The Crabassador... Mothra... Nicolson Joker... The Triathlon... Mr. Miyagi... Chunk... The Iranian Hustle... Orc Hunting... Beards... Airplanes... The Hunt... Tyrant... Cups... Rise of Biroca... NIX... "I'm the king of the world!"... Mojo... Vitamin C... Cleaver... Super Knockout... "Nolan is my friend"... Lifter's Loon... Geronimo... Ice Cream Social... BRC World Cup - US Wins (North Korea wins?)... McWain Boothby... CIT Whales... Crab People... Dubstep... Nordy... 120 BPMs... Tie-dye... Yoda gets pulled over... Cross-camp CTF... Bingo... Black raspberry ice cream... Trimaran Regatta... Sloth... "Birch Rock - let's eat!"... The Decathlon... The Programmatron dies... The haunted bell... Inception... Invasion of Pete's... "THE GHOSTS!"... King's throne... Sunscreen... Wind... Ron's Cabin... The 5th Fourth... Canes... Fireworks... The Calendar... California Girls... Garden Party... "This is what a Walrus does"... Jeffrey's opera dance... "Who's running Treetalk?"... Italian Ice... Homunculus... Buzzards smells funny... Greased Watermelon... HTBG... Waterpolo... Flash floods... CLOB... Sleepovers... Becca's pictures... Ants, ants, ants... Harry's 18th... Pony rides... Lenz-dog... iClip... Waterfire... Sumo wrestling... Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles... "3-2-1-Blastoff!"... 'BRC 500'... Sue's float... Adrian Brody... Straut-Ups... Everyday's a birthday... Ed's original composition... Screaming J. Hawkins... Everybody hurts... Redcoats... Sneak Inspection... Lake McWain oil/sunscreen spill... Robert Foley... Siesta... "I'm awesome!"... One less knife... World Cup of Arm-Wrestling... Tylox... Submarine announcement... The Weaz... Word Power... Chicks dig volleyball... Heroes & villains... Flannels... Moose meat... Omar Kamal... Ben Foley clones... Sonic gets pulled over... Ryno's bells... Kennebunkport... New docks... Nikita in the car... "Is it 'cuz I'm different?"... HUGE AXE... Juice police... The Panopticon... "Have a swell day!"... GERM-X... Cubs campers... "Where is Connor?"... Double Brewthby... ACL... Clean trip room... Mice in Pete's... Compost... Echoes... Cabin 4 lunch absence... Gazebo fan... Magic urinals... King & Cathy... Santa Claus Island... White Lightning... Slipknot... Mongo... The Boss... J.P. Giorgi... "I love muckin' stalls"... Coronal Mass Ejection... Cafesuvias & Tablepei... No sides... "What does objective mean?"... The Kessel Run... The Knuckleheads... "I am Merlin"... Blue-Eyes White Dragon... Permanent DEFCON 1... Lightspeed... Tentacle massage... "Best _____ on campus"... NERF guns... Honeypot Mountain... Slim Jims... Waz yells at Whales... Warm fuzzies... Weekend Update... Big Bats... 'The Hurtado'... Ducky... English... Croquet... Obi-Jaun... Han & Chewie... Orientalism... Dylan, Dylan, Dylan, Dylan and Dylan... Bad touch... Inception... Boomers... Go Goats... Cat Costume... Mazarati to mini... Don Munn Inspection... Space Jam... The Sign... American-made AK-47... It's a hurricane... Two iPods in two seconds... GhettoBlaster... Let's hit the hay... And a good time was most definitely had by all!

